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## Progress in a challenging school year

Superintendent points to encouraging trends such as graduation rate

**By Ted Glanzer** Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - Acknowledging that it has been a challenging school year, Hartford Superintendent of Schools Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez highlighted several significant districtwide successes,

notably positive trends in graduation rates in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, during her State of the District virtual town hall on Tuesday evening.

Hartford Public Schools' graduation rate rose to 72.3% in 2021 after a dip to 68.6% in 2020, according to Torres-Rodriguez. While the statewide graduation rate average in 2021 was 89% in 2021, Torres-Rodriguez said Hartford Public Schools "has more than doubled the state rate of growth by

improving the graduation rate by 3.5% since 2017.

"We just missed our adjusted performance target of 73.5% – we made it to 72.3%, which is something we should all be very proud of given that we know how deeply the pandemic impacted our graduating students," she said.

The goal by 2024 is to increase the average four-year cohort graduation rate to 83%, she said.

The school system has seen gains in graduation rates across all subgroups, with multilingual learners (10.3% increase), Hispanic students (6.3%) female students (5.9%) and special needs students (5.4%) seeing the greatest improvements, Torres-Rodriguez said.

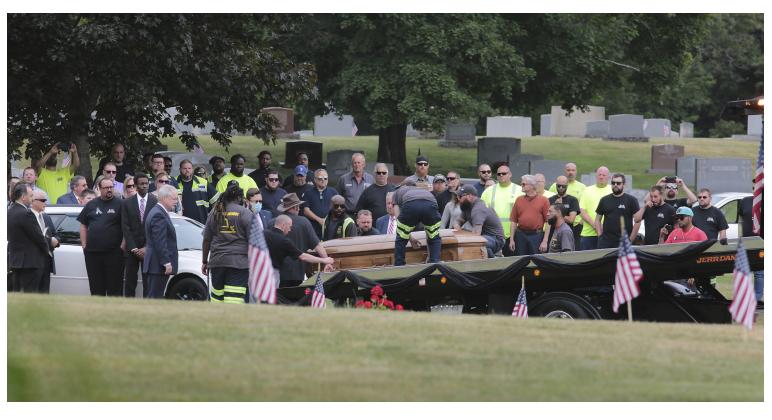
In addition, the school district is tackling the issue of chronic absenteeism, which was a problem before COVID-19 and further exacerbated by the pandemic, Torres-Rodriguez said.

It's an issue that begins on Day 1 of the school year, she said.

"Attendance matters," Torres-Rodriguez said. "Data shows that students who miss the first few days of school tend to fall behind during the rest of the school year. Those first few days provide a crucial time for our students to bond not only with their teachers, but with their peers."

After having conducted nearly 4,000 home visits, school officials concluded there were numerous

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Tow truck drivers watch as the casket of driver Christopher Russell is moved from a flatbed truck at St. James Cemetery in Manchester on Wednesday. Russell was struck by a car and killed while assisting a motorist on I-91 in North Haven. MICHAEL MCANDREWS PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

## 'We have families too'

After 2nd roadside death in 3 years, tow truck drivers call on Connecticut motorists to respect the 'Move Over' law

By Don Stacom | Hartford Courant

ust before a massive funeral procession of tow truck drivers Wednesday, veteran driver Joe Weeks of Bristol made a plea to the public: "When you see yellow lights, slow down and move over. We have families too."

More than 50 of his colleagues shared that message as they talked Wednesday morning before the funeral of tow driver Christopher Russell, who was hit and killed by a car two weeks ago as he tried to help a stranded motorist in North Haven.

Russell, 38, was the second Connecticut tow driver killed on the roadside in the past three years, and their colleagues from across the state gathered Wednesday to show support — and ask the public to slow down for the flashing yellow lights of tow trucks.

"Our lives matter just as much as police, fire, EMS, DOT — for anybody out on the road, it's hard," said Scott Nicoll, a driver with Merola Motors of North Haven.

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Scott Nicoll, a tow truck driver with Merola Motors, waits at a staging area in Wethersfield as other drivers arrive to escort the body of fellow tow truck driver Christoper Russell.

## **WAR IN UKRAINE**

## West sending more, better weapons

Advanced artillery, anti-aircraft systems part of \$700M package

**By John Leicester** and Frank Jordans **Associated Press** 

KYIV, Ukraine - The U.S. and Germany pledged Wednesday to equip Ukraine with some of the advanced weapons it has long desired for shooting down

aircraft and knocking out artillery, as Russian forces closed in on capturing a key city in the east.

Germany said it will supply Ukraine with up-to-date anti-aircraft missiles and radar systems, while the U.S. announced it will provide four sophisticated, medium-range rocket systems and ammunition.

The U.S. is trying to help Ukraine fend off the Russians without triggering a wider war in Europe. The Pentagon said it received assurances that Ukraine will not fire the

new rockets into Russian territory. The Kremlin accused the U.S. of "pouring fuel on the fire."

Western arms have been critical to Ukraine's success in stymieing Russia's much larger and betterequipped military, thwarting its effort to storm the capital and forcing Moscow to shift its focus to the industrial Donbas region in the east.

But as Russia bombards towns in its inching advance in the east, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has repeatedly pleaded for more and better weapons and accused the West of moving too

Andriy Yermak, the head of the Ukrainian president's office, hailed the new Western weapons.

"I'm sure that if we receive all the necessary weapons and strengthen the efficient sanctions regime we will win," he said.

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## Players: Travel taking a toll

From COVID-19 cases to delays, commercial flights pose challenges

By Lila Bromberg Hartford Courant

Natasha Cloud felt like she was playing the best basketball of her career to start the 2022 WNBA season. Then, after a road game against the Minnesota Lynx on May 8, the Washington Mystics star tested positive for COVID-19.

The flu-like symptoms only lasted for a few days, but Cloud has noticed a long-term effect. The way she recovers from playing isn't the same anymore. Her body doesn't respond as quickly as it once did to treatment. And she gets much more fatigued on a daily basis than she used to.

"Ít's been really hard," Cloud told the Hartford Courant last Saturday. "I went three years without COVID and because of how we travel and the ways in which we travel, I got COVID flying to our game in Minnesota. And that's really tough because it doesn't matter how much we abide by the protocols, how much we try to protect ourselves, with the lifted mandate of masks on public transportation we're not safe."

Travel conditions have long been a point of discontent for WNBA players. Flying commercial, as opposed to chartering flights like their NBA counterparts, has never been easy, but

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## **Experts: Tax hikes** to hit consumers

Connecticut consumers face a one-two punch beginning July 1 that threatens to make groceries and other basic goods even more expensive: a major increase in the state's diesel tax and a new highway use tax on large commercial trucks. Connecticut, Page 1

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"Drivers just don't pay attention. The lights on the truck are there for a reason."

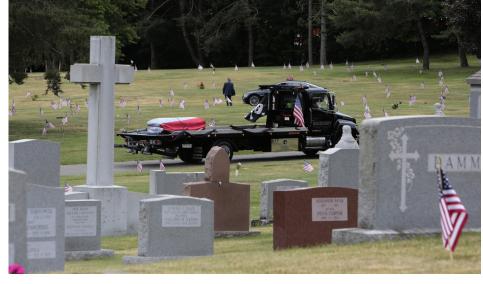
Wednesday's procession included light-duty wreckers, flatbeds and massive four-axle "heavies" that can pull broken-down garbage trucks or trailers, all representing dozens of tow companies. Drivers from Milford, Farmington, Hartford, Manchester, New Haven, Waterbury, Ellington, Wallingford and elsewhere turned out to show support and help the Russell family.

From the back of one truck drivers were buying memorial hats and T-shirts marked R.I.P. Chris Russell, as as a fundraiser for his survivors.

"In the towing family we come from all walks of life," Nicoll said. "It doesn't matter what color you are, doesn't matter what company you work for. We're one big huge family [and] we all stick together."

Drivers gathered in a large parking lot down the road from Russell's funeral in Wethersfield, and many lamented that it had been only a little more than two years since Corey Iodice, 58, was run down and killed by a motorist.

Iodice, a third-generation tow driver who worked



A flatbed truck carries a casket containing the body of tow truck driver Christoper Russell, who died working to help a motorist on I-91 in North Haven. Tow truck drivers from around central Connecticut came to honor Russell by escorting him from Wethersfield to Manchester, where he was interred at St. James Cemetery. MICHAEL MCANDREWS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

for his family's towing company, had been loading a disabled car onto his flatbed along the Merritt Parkway when he was hit by a car. State police said the car was doing 76 to 90 mph; the driver, Dean Robert of Weston, was charged with drunken driving, second-degree manslaughter and reckless driving. Robert is being sentenced Thursday.

"When it hits so close to home, that's the biggest killer for all of us," Nicoll said. "It's one of our guys who was just pulled over to help a motorist, just wanted to get him safely off the highway. Drunken driver came along, hit him."

Nicoll said Russell's death hurt tow drivers across the

state. "This was a human being who didn't deserve this," Nicoll said. "He pulled over as a kind-hearted person to help change a tire, and his life was taken — all for for making sure someone was safe and could get off the roadway. It's just not fair."

When asked, several tow drivers Wednesday told of being hit by mirrors of cars speeding by - evidently

oblivious to the tow truck's bright markings and flashing yellow lights as well as Connecticut's "move over" law. Adopted in 2009, the law requires drivers who see a stationary emergency vehicle on a travel lane, breakdown lane or shoulder of a highway to immediately reduce speed and — if safely possible - move over to create a buffer lane when

Weeks, a 17-year veteran, said way too many drivers ignore all of that and zip past tow drivers close and fast.

"I was clipped by the

mirror of a car going by on the highway," Weeks said. "When a mirror breaks off on your back, it will send you into a spin. I was cut up, the guy didn't stop just kept going like nothing happened. There were many times when I could have been killed on the side of the highway."

Nationwide, tow drivers have 15 times higher risk of on-the-job death than the average American employee, according to a 2019 study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The average annual death rate was 43 per 100,000 workers, according to the Center of Fatal Occupational Injuries, with the top cause being a blow from a passing vehicle.

Russell, who drove for more than a decade, himself had nearly been hit in the past, said Harley Garcia, operations manager at RTT LLC Towing & Transportation in South Windsor. where Russell worked for the past two years.

'This one he just couldn't beat," Garcia said. "He was a hard worker. He was always there, around the clock."

Like most veteran drivers, Joe Miano of Hartford-based Friendly Auto Body & Towing has been hit by a mirror and dodged many other close calls.

"When you're on the

highway, you're constantly, constantly looking in front of you and back of you — it's only a split-second before a car runs right into you or comes toward you, and you have to jump and move out of the way," said Miano, past president of Towing & Recovery Professionals of Connecticut, which represents about 300 towing companies in the state.

He wants state police to run enforcement campaigns for the Move Over law, saying the highway culture in Connecticut seems to minimize the importance of flashing yellow lights.

"No one pays attention to it," Miano said. "It's not enforced. If you go down south on 95, you see lights flashing a mile away; automatically the cars in front of you move over.

"Here in the Northeast, they see flashing lights and [some] cars veer into you."

Several drivers said state police need more troopers so they'd have more available to stop at roadside scenes and protect the tow driver, since red and blue lights get more respect than yellow ones.

'Don't drink and drive, slow down and move over when you see emergency vehicles on the road." Garcia said. "People don't realize vehicles are a weapon. People don't operate them with the care they need to."

## Ukraine

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The new arms could help Ukraine set up and hold new lines of defense in the east by hitting back at Russian artillery pieces that have been battering towns and cities and by limiting Russian airstrikes, said retired French Gen. Dominique Trinquand, a former head of France's military mission at the United Nations.

'The NATO countries the European nations and the Americans have progressively escalated the means that they are putting at Ukraine's disposal, and

this escalation, in my opinion, has had the aim of testing Russian limits," he said. "Each time, they measure the Russian reaction, and since there is no reaction, they keep supplying increasingly effective and sophisticated weaponry."

Military analysts say Russia is hoping to overrun the Donbas before any weapons that might turn the tide arrive. It will take at least three weeks to get the precision U.S. weapons and trained troops onto the battlefield, the Pentagon said. But Defense Undersecretary Colin Kahl said he believes they will arrive in time to make a difference in the fight.

The rocket systems are part of a new \$700 million package of security assistance for Ukraine from the U.S. that also includes helicopters, Javelin anti-tank weapon systems, radars, tactical vehicles and more.

The rockets have a range of about 50 miles and are highly mobile. Ukraine had pushed unsuccessfully for rockets with a range of up to 186 miles.

Kremlin spokesman **Dmitry Peskov said Moscow** does not trust assurances that Ukraine will not fire on Russian territory. "We believe that the U.S. is deliberately and diligently pouring fuel on the fire," he said.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Ukraine's push for more weapons is a "direct provocation intended to draw the West into the fighting."

Germany's promise of IRIS-T air defense systems would mark the first delivery of long-range air defense weapons to Ukraine since the start of the war.

Earlier deliveries of portable, shoulder-fired air defense missiles have bolstered the Ukrainian military's ability to take down helicopters and other low-flying aircraft but didn't give it enough range to challenge Russia's air superiority.

Germany has come under

particular criticism, both at home and from allies abroad, that it isn't doing enough. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz told lawmakers that the IRIS-T's surfaceto-air missiles are the most modern air defense system the country has.

The weapons announcements came as a regional governor said Russian forces now control 80% of Sievierodonetsk, a city that is key to Moscow's efforts to complete its capture of the Donbas, where Ukrainian forces and Russian-backed separatists have fought for vears and where the separatists held swaths of territory even before the invasion.

Luhansk Gov. Serhiy Haidai said Russian troops were advancing in the city amid fierce street battles, though he noted that in some districts the Ukrainian troops managed to push the Russians back.

The only other city in Luhansk that the Russians have not captured, Lysychansk, is still fully under Ukrainian control, he said, but is likely to be next.

"If the Russians manage to take full control over Sievierodonetsk within two to three days, they will start installing artillery and mortars and will shell Lysy-chansk more intensively," Haidai said.

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## Tulsa police: At least 4 dead in medical building shooting

By Sean Murphy and Terry Wallace Associated Press

TULSA, Oklahoma -Four people were killed and several others injured Wednesday in a mass shooting at a Tulsa medical building, police said.

Tulsa Police Department Deputy Chief Eric Dalgleish confirmed the number of dead and said the shooter also was dead, apparently from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

It was unclear what prompted the deadly assault. The gunman carried a handgun and a rifle during the attack, Dalgleish said.

The incident is the latest in a wave of gun violence occurring across the nation.

The shooting Wednesday



Emergency personnel respond to a shooting at the Natalie Medical Building on the St. Francis Hospital campus Wednesday in Tulsa, Okla. IAN MAULE/AP

occurred eight days after an 18-year-old gunman armed with an AR-style semi-automatic rifle burst into Robb Elementary School in Uvalde,

Texas, and killed 19 children and two teachers before being fatally shot and just more than two weeks after a shooting at a Buffalo supermarket by a white man who is accused of killing 10 Black people in a racist attack. The recent Memorial Day weekend also saw multiple mass shootings nationwide.

"Officers are currently going through every room in the building checking for additional threats," Tulsa police said in a Facebook post Wednesday afternoon. "We know there are multiple injuries, and potentially multiple casualties."

Police responded to the call three minutes after dispatchers received the report and made contact with the gunman one minute later, Dalgleish said.

Capt. Richard Meulenberg of the Tulsa Police Department said multiple people were wounded and that the medical complex was a "catastrophic scene." St. Francis Health System locked down its campus

because of the situation at the Natalie Medical Building, which houses an outpatient surgery center and a breast health center. The site is six miles south of downtown Tulsa.

Tulsa resident Nicholas O'Brien, whose mother was in a nearby building when the shooting occurred, told reporters that he rushed to

"They were rushing people out. I don't know if some of them were injured or just have been injured during the shooting, but some of them couldn't walk very well. But they were just kind of wobbling and stumbling and getting them out of there," he said.

"I was pretty anxious. So once I got here and then I heard that she (his mother) was OK, the shooter had been shot and was down, I felt a lot better. It still is horrible what happened," O'Brien said.

A reunification center for families to find their loved ones was set up at a nearby high school.

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also at the scene, a spokesperson

President Joe Biden has been briefed on the shooting in Tulsa, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre tweeted. "The White House is closely monitoring the situation and has reached out to state and local officials to offer support."

## WNBA

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it has been especially challenging this year due to unique circumstances, including high risk of COVID-19 with the federal mask mandate lifted, frequent flight delays and cancellations, and managing recovery - all in a condensed 36-game season.

With the Connecticut Sun on a four-game West Coast road trip across three cities this week, the Hartford Courant took a deep dive into those issues.

## **COVID-19 issues** arise in WNBA

Similar to Cloud, former league MVP Breanna Stewart contracted COVID-19 in early May following a road trip, leading her to call out the WNBA for its continued use of commercial flights.

The use of charter flights isn't allowed by the league's collective bargaining agreement, which states that teams can only provide players premium economy or similar enhanced coach seating on commercial flights.

After playing against the Aces in Las Vegas, Stewart missed two games on May 11 and 14, both of which the Seattle Storm lost. Cloud was out for two games on May 10 and 13, a stretch in which the Mystics went 1-1. They are two of 10 players who have entered the health and safety protocols so far this season.

The Mystics, Storm and Connecticut Sun have been especially hit hard. Alysha Clark is currently out for the Mystics as their second player to enter protocols. The Sun were without head coach and general manager Curt Miller, assistant coach Brandi Poole and forward Jovner Holmes for two games amid possibly their toughest stretch of the season playing nine games in 17 days, including the start of their West Coast trip. Miller and Poole exited protocols on Wednesday. They recently signed forward Stephanie Jones, who was on the roster in

2021, to a hardship contract. Five players have already been affected on the Storm. The team was without nearly a quarter of its roster in a 79-71 overtime victory over the New York Liberty last Friday, including WNBA all-time assist leader Sue Bird. Stephanie Talbot entered health and safety protocols last Thursday while Bird and Ezi Magbegor did so on Friday, marking the second time Seattle has found out it would be without a player on the same day it was set to play a game.

Under current league policy, players are only tested for COVID-19 if they are symptomatic. Their



Washington Mystics guard Natasha Cloud has noticed a long-term effect of COVID-19 on her body. The way she recovers from playing isn't the same anymore, and she gets much more fatigued on a daily basis than she used to. **TERRANCE** WILLIAMS/AP

return to play is symptom-specific, but players are generally cleared after two negative tests, at least 24 hours apart. Until then, teams are able to temporarily replace those players with emergency hardship exceptions. The Storm quickly signed Kiana Williams and the former Storm guard scrambled to get to Seattle in time.

"As a team, we've really been trying to navigate the health and safety protocols and trying to be safe and do the right thing," Stewart told reporters after the win over the Liberty. "Especially to find out all of this on game day and then still be told, 'We're going to continue to play the game, just find a hardship player.' And Seattle is the farthest city in the country for someone to get to ... a little bit of some help and guidance from the WNBA would be nice."

Though some of those cases arose during home stretches, including the latter three for the Storm. frequently going through crowded airports and flying on commercial flights puts teams at higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

"I can wear my mask, we can all wear our masks, but we're sitting next to random people that aren't wearing masks, and we don't know who they are, we don't know if they're vaccinated, we don't know anything about them," Cloud said. That's a danger to us as players. And when you're talking about just trying to do our jobs and put the best product on the floor every night, that makes it really hard."

## The impact of commercial travel

Less than a month into the season, flight delays and cancellations have already wreaked havoc across the league.

Air travel issues are more common than they were pre-pandemic as airlines face staff shortages. Only around three-fourths



Seattle Storm All-Star Breanna Stewart contracted COVID-19 in early May following a road trip, leading her to call out the WNBA for its continued use of commercial flights. STEPHEN BRASHEAR/AP

of flights from U.S. based airlines have departed on time in 2022, according to data from January to March recorded by the United States Department of Transportation, with over 4% of those being canceled.

Miller said the Sun started booking flights for the season in December, at which point finding the right combinations to fit all players, coaches and staff was already an issue. A few days before the start of the season, Connecticut already had more than 40 different flight changes and cancellations; some were minor time changes but others forced them to find an entirely different flight, airline or airport. That number has only increased since.

Prior to the current West Coast trip, the Sun's only long-distance road game was against the Indiana Fever in Indianapolis after playing the team less than 48 hours prior in Connecticut. Right after that Friday night game on May 20, the Sun stayed at an airport hotel in Hartford for flights at dawn that connected through Chicago, as they couldn't find a direct one after six or seven flight changes. Players and coaches also had to go on different flights, Miller said, with the coaches' arriving at the airport at 4:45 a.m., and the players at 6

The Sun's scheduled flight to get home from the game on Sunday also had issues, so they stayed overnight and left the hotel at 4 a.m. to fly out on Monday morning. As a result, practice was canceled and Connecticut lost to the Dallas Wings on Tuesday.

"You're always a little bit anxious that travel goes well," Miller said before the season started. "That's the challenge of our league, is dealing with those changes, dealing with the uncertainty of airlines, and we have to pivot when we need to pivot."

Later that week, the Mystics' flight to face the Sun was canceled



Connecticut Sun head coach Curt Miller said the team started booking flights for the season in December, at which point finding the right combinations to fit all players, coaches and staff was already an issue. SEAN D. ELLIOT/AP

because of storms. With no other options, the team took a 4 1/2-hour train ride to Connecticut. Cloud said they didn't arrive around 10 p.m., checked into their hotel, found food and tried to manage sleep before a morning shootaround and game the next day.

Though the Sun are based in a location harder to fly out of and to get to than most teams, this issue isn't unique to them — players posting about delays and cancellations is a frequent occurrence. All of the travel chaos has an impact on players' game preparation and recovery. Both of those things are especially important this season, which features the most regular-season games in league history (36) in a condensed 101-day window to accommodate the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup in September.

"It's really, really tough on our bodies, man," reigning WNBA MVP and Sun forward Jonquel Jones said of the condensed season. "The older you get, the more you feel it, so it's gonna be challenging. And the teams that stay together and have chemistry and that are making sure they take care of their bodies are going to be the teams that are gonna have successful seasons." Along with things like ice baths, massage therapy and stretching, Sun head athletic trainer Nicole Alexander places a big emphasis on proper sleep and nutrition for her players' recovery, but the travel conditions often make that incredibly difficult. She and Miller talk every day about how the team is doing under the current conditions and even work together to adjust practice schedules when travel takes its toll.

"That really helps us too, that him and I have that relationship to give and take," Alexander said. "That is another thing that I think is underrated is the athletic trainer-coach relationship, that there's that mutual respect from both of

Trainers around the WNBA maintain a group chat where they exchange advice on how to best deal with the current conditions, Alexander said. Many have compared this year to the bubble season in 2020 in terms of the impact on players' bodies, with an added strain because of all the

'There's no time for proper care," Cloud said, "and unfortunately, I think you're gonna see injuries go up as the season continues to progress because we are in such a condensed season. It's insane what we put our bodies through, so ... them supporting us with the traveling would help a lot

## Where does WNBA go from here?

With so many travel issues less than a month into the WNBA season, it's clear this will continue to be a hindrance for teams unless something is done.

The WNBA has made its stance on charter flights clear, to the disapproval of players around the league. The New York Liberty were fined a league-record \$500,000 after owners Joe and Clara Wu Tsai repeatedly bought and provided charter flights for their team throughout the second half of the 2021 season because it was considered a competitive advantage, Howard Megdal reported for Sports Illustrated in March.

According to that same report, the Liberty told the WNBA Board of Governors they found a way to have charter flights compensated for everyone in the league for three years, but the unofficial proposal 'lacked majority support."

Even if that support changed, it would be hard to arrange any such deal in time for the ongoing season. But given the extremity of the current conditions, Cloud believes the WNBA should take action to at least soften its rule.

"If we're able to get a charter and there's an issue with our travel. then we should be allowed to charter," Cloud said. "I know that [the Mystics are one of the teams that are blessed enough to have owners that would help take care of us if that was the case, but because of our CBA we're not allowed to.

"I think that in the time of where we are with COVID and companies struggling to have employees, struggling to find planes and pilots, there needs to be exceptions to the rules. And the hope moving forward is that we don't have to travel like this anymore."

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## **Schools**

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reasons for chronic absenteeism. including illness, transportation issues and kids having to work to

help support their families. In some instances, Torres-Rodriguez said, early release Wednesdays presented a challenge for

The district has implemented a number of initiatives, including enrichment opportunities, attendance initiatives and challenges, such as February Olympics and March Madness, as well as expanded extracurricular activities and athletics to "instill in students the importance of showing up" as well as strengthening the bonds the students has with the school community, Torres-Rodriguez said.

Other programs for academic recovery in the wake of the pandemic include high school credit recovery, intersession programming during school breaks, evening schools, Saturday Academy and extended schoolyear programs for special needs



Hartford Superintendent of Schools Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez highlighted several significant district-wide successes this school year during a virtual town hall Tuesday evening. TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT

students, Torres-Rodriguez said. Every high school now offers athletics and has new equipment, which are important steps considering the state of such programs just a few years ago, Torres-Rodri-

Torres-Rodriguez also addressed updated health protocols regarding COVID-19.

While there was an increase in the number of reported COVID-19 cases among students and staff in May, the numbers are nowhere near what was reported in January, when the Omicron variant was raging across the country, Torres-Rodriguez said.

Students and staff are encouraged, but not required, to wear masks while in school buildings, Torres-Rodriguez said. At-home tests are also available by request through each student's respective school nurse.

Thus far, Hartford Public Schools has distributed 200,000 masks and more than 9,000 at-home tests, she said.

Torres-Rodriguez also addressed some parental concerns about school safety in the wake of yet another mass shooting at a school, this time in Uvalde, Texas.

Torres-Rodriguez acknowledged the sensitivity in discussing the school district's emergency response preparation. She noted the district complies with all state laws concerning having policies and procedures in place, as well as conducting emergency drills that

go beyond state requirements. Also addressing several parents' concerns over school staffing, Torres-Rodriguez said the school district was close to 90% staffed, an increase from 85% just several

months prior. Among the most difficult areas to hire are teachers of English to speakers of other languages and special needs.

The district has increased recruitment and retention efforts. Torres-Rodriguez said, including spending \$5 million on yearend and return bonuses. Full-time employees, for example, will receive a \$750 end-of-the-year bonus, while part-timers will receive \$250, Torres-Rodriguez said.

"That is not the only answer, but we feel it is a step in the right direction to support [staff] in the moment," she said.

The district is also allocating \$450,000 for learning space materials so teachers can personalize their classrooms, Torres-Rodriguez said.

Increased efforts at recruitment, including offering \$1,500 referral bonuses, and a new marketing campaign have seen 1,000 new applicants apply over the past six weeks, she said. Over the same period of time last year, HPS had 480 new applicants.

Torres-Rodriguez acknowledged it's been a trying year for students, staff, parents and the community at-large.

"It certainly has not been the year I hoped for," she said. "It's been very challenging."

## **WORLD NATION**

## Chief asserts he's still cooperating

Contradictions in shooting inquiry persist amid burials

By Jim Vertuno Associated Press

The school district police chief who served as on-site commander during last week's deadly shooting in Uvalde, Texas, said Wednesday that he's talking daily with investigators, contradicting claims from state law enforcement that he has stopped cooperating.

In a brief interview, Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Police Chief Pete Arredondo told CNN that he's speaking regularly with Texas Department of Public Safety investigators.

"I've been on the phone with them every day," Arredondo said. The chief has been the focus of ire in the community and beyond over allegations that he delayed sending officers into the school on May 24, believing that the gunman was barricaded inside adjoining classrooms and the children were no longer at risk.

Nineteen children and two teachers died in the attack at Robb Elementary School, the deadliest school shooting in nearly a decade. Funerals began this week, and U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona attended Wednesday's services for teacher Irma Garcia, who was killed in the attack, and her husband, Joe Garcia, who died of a heart attack two days later.

At Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday, twin black hearses carrying the coffins of the Garcias arrived in a procession led by police and civilian motorcycle



A girl says a prayer Wednesday at a memorial for shooting victims in Uvalde, Texas. IVAN PIERRE AGUIRRE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

riders. Covered by flowers, the two closed caskets were borne by pallbearers past a phalanx of police and

Some sobbed throughout the service in which Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller offered thanks for Irma Garcia's dedication. He listed the names of the slain schoolchildren several times throughout the homily.

"You did what you would have done with your own children, he said. "You took care of them until your last breath."

Irma Garcia, 48, was finishing up her 23rd year at Robb Elementary. In a letter posted on the school's website at the beginning of the school year. Garcia told her students that she and her husband had four children: a Marine, a college student, a high school student and a seventh grader.

The district announced Wednesday that students and staff would not return to that campus, though plans were still being finalized on where the less than 600 students would attend classes in the fall.

Texas state Sen. Roland Gutierrez said Wednesday that his office is working with state and federal agencies to request upward of \$45 million in federal funding for the school.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, its School Emergency Response to Violence, known as Project SERV, "funds short-term education-related services" to help educational facilities "recover from a violent or traumatic event in which the learning environment has been disrupted."

Gutierrez said he is unaware of any plans to tear down Robb Elementary but that funds obtained through the program by other schools have traditionally been used to rebuild.

State officials have said 19 police officers waited for more than an hour outside the classroom where Salvador Ramos, 18, opened fire, despite repeated pleas from children calling 911 for help.

Travis Considine, chief communications officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Tuesday that Arredondo had not responded to DPS requests for two days, while other officers in the Uvalde city and schools police departments continue to sit for interviews and provide statements.

Arredondo has not responded to multiple requests for comment from The Associated Press. Considine told the AP Wednesday that Arredondo had not responded to Texas Rangers' requests for follow-up interviews as of Tuesday.

The Texas Rangers, the investigative arm of the Department of Public Safety that focuses on major crimes, had no immediate response to Arredondo's insistence he was in regular touch with DPS.

The Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, which represents police officers, has urged its members to cooperate with "all government investigations" into the shooting and police response, and endorsed a federal probe by the Justice Department.

The confusing and sometimes contradictory information released in the week since the shooting continued Tuesday with the revelation that the exterior door used by the gunman was not left propped open by a teacher, as police previously said.

They have now determined that the teacher, who has not been identified, propped the door open with a rock, but then removed the rock and closed the door when she realized there was a shooter on campus, Considine said, But, Considine said, the door, which was designed to lock when shut, did not lock.

"We did verify she closed the door. The door did not lock. We know that much and now investigators are looking into why it did not lock," Considine said.

Since the shooting, law enforcement and state officials have struggled to present an accurate timeline and details of the event and how police responded, sometimes providing conflicting information or withdrawing some statements hours later. State police have said some accounts were preliminary and may change as more witnesses are interviewed.

## Va. jurors award \$10M to Depp in libel lawsuit

But ex-wife receives \$2M for defamation over hoax accusation

**By Denise Lavoie** Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. - A jury awarded Johnny Depp more than \$10 million Wednesday in his libel lawsuit against ex-wife Amber Heard, vindicating his stance that Heard fabricated claims that she was abused by Depp before and during their brief marriage.

The jury also found Heard was defamed by a lawyer for Depp who accused her of creating a detailed hoax that included roughing up their apartment to look worse for police. The jury awarded her \$2 million in damages.

The verdicts bring an end to a televised trial that Depp had hoped would help restore his reputation, though it turned into a spectacle of a vicious marriage. Throughout the trial, fans overwhelmingly on Depp's side — lined up overnight for coveted courtroom seats. Spectators who couldn't get in gathered on the street to cheer Depp and jeer Heard whenever they appeared

Heard, who was stoic in the courtroom as the verdict



Actor Johnny Depp, who was not in court Wednesday, said "the jury gave me my life back." KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY

was read, said she was heart-

"I'm even more disappointed with what this verdict means for other women. It's a setback. It sets back the clock to a time when a woman who spoke up and spoke out could be publicly humiliated. It sets back the idea that violence against women is to be taken seriously," she said in a statement on her Twitter account.

Depp, who was not in court Wednesday, said "the jury gave me my life back."

"I hope that my quest to have the truth be told will have helped others, men or women, who have found themselves in my situation, and that those supporting them never give up," he said in a statement posted to

Depp had sued Heard for libel in Fairfax County Circuit Court over a December 2018 op-ed she wrote in The Washington Post describing herself as "a public figure representing domestic abuse."

His lawyers said he was defamed by the article even though it never mentioned

The jury found in Depp's favor on all three of his claims relating to specific statements in the 2018 piece.

In evaluating Heard's counterclaims, jurors considered three statements by a lawyer for Depp who called her allegations a hoax. They found she was defamed by one of them, in which the lawyer claimed that she and friends "spilled a little wine and roughed the place up, got their stories straight," and called police.

The jury found Depp should receive \$10 million in compensatory damages and \$5 million in punitive damages, but the judge said state law caps punitive damages at \$350,000, meaning Depp was awarded \$10.35 million.

While the case was osten-



Actor Amber Heard, center, stands with her lawyers Elaine Bredehoft and Benjamin Rottenborn before the verdicts are read in court Wednesday in Fairfax, Va. EVELYN HOCKSTEIN/REUTERS

sibly about libel, most of the testimony focused on whether Heard had been physically and sexually abused, as she claimed. Heard enumerated more than a dozen alleged assaults, including a fight in Australia — where Depp was shooting a "Pirates of the Caribbean" sequel – in which Depp lost the tip of his middle finger and Heard said she was sexually assaulted with a liquor

Depp said he never hit Heard and that she was the abuser, though Heard's attorneys highlighted yearsold text messages Depp sent apologizing to Heard for his behavior as well as profane texts he sent to a friend in which Depp said he wanted to kill Heard and defile her dead body.

In some ways, the trial was a replay of a lawsuit Depp filed in the United Kingdom against a British tabloid after he was described as a "wife beater." The judge in that case ruled in the newspaper's favor after finding that Heard was telling the truth in her descriptions of abuse.

In the Virginia case, Depp had to prove not only that he never assaulted Heard, but that Heard's article — which focused primarily on public policy related to domestic violence — defamed him. He also had to prove that Heard wrote the article with actual malice. And to claim damages he had to prove that her article caused the damage to his reputation as opposed to any number of articles before and after Heard's piece that detailed the allegations against him.

Eric Rose, a crisis management and communications expert in Los Angeles, said that "from a reputation management perspective, there can be no winners."

Depp, a three-time best actor Oscar nominee, had until recent years been a bankable star. Heard's acting career has been more modest, and her two upcoming roles are in a small film and the "Aquaman" sequel due out next year.

As new Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Adm. Linda Fagan is the first female U.S. service chief. EVAN VUCCI/AP

## Biden on 1st female armed services chief: 'It's about time'

By Will Weissert Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden hailed Adm. Linda Fagan as new Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard and the armed forces' first female service chief, declaring during a change of command ceremony Wednesday, "It's about time."

"The trailblazing career of Adm. Fagan shows young people entering the services, we mean what we say: There

are no doors — no doors closed to women," Biden told around 2,000 cheering guests at Coast Guard headquarters. Those attending included service chiefs from other military branches and Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Biden added, "This is what an admiral and service chief in the United States armed forces looks like" and thanked Fagan for "all that you've done throughout your career to open the doors of opportunity just

a little bit wider" allowing "those following behind you a way through."

"Now we need to keep working to make sure Adm. Fagan may be the first but not the only," Biden said. "We need to see more women at the highest levels of command in the Coast Guard and across every service."

Fagan, who was previously the service's second in command, relieved Adm. Karl Schultz. She graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1985, in just the sixth class that included women. She steadily rose through the ranks, serving at sea on an icebreaker and ashore as a marine safety officer.

It was not until much later in her career that she thought becoming commandant might even be possible.

"A lot of people would say, 'Oh yeah, I knew she was going to be an admiral,' but I didn't think about it," Fagan told The New York Times. "Even when I was first selected as an admiral

you don't think about it, and then all of a sudden you look around and you go, 'Oh yeah, all right, I guess this is possi-

She will be the 27th commandant of the service, which traces its roots back to the creation of the Revenue Cutter Service shortly after the Revolutionary War.

When Fagan takes her seat among the Joint Chiefs, she will have served roughly the same amount of time as any of those seated around

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## Little joy felt before queen's jubilee

Imperial past lingers for many in onetime colonies of Britain

**By Jill Lawless** Associated Press

LONDON — After seven decades on the throne, Queen Elizabeth II is widely viewed in the U.K. as a rock in turbulent times. But in Britain's former colonies, many see her as an anchor to an imperial past whose damage still lingers.

So while the U.K. is celebrating the queen's Platinum Jubilee — 70 years on the throne — with pageantry and parties, some in the Commonwealth are using the occasion to push for a formal break with the monarchy and the colonial history it represents.

"When I think about the queen, I think about a sweet old lady," said Jamaican academic Rosalea Hamilton, who campaigns for her country to become a republic. "It's not about her. It's about her family's wealth, built on the backs of our ancestors. We're grappling with the legacies of a past that has been very painful."
The empire Elizabeth

was born into is long gone, but she is head of state in 14 other nations, including Canada, Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Bahamas. Until recently it was 15 — Barbados cut ties with the monarchy in November, and several other Caribbean countries, including Jamaica, say they plan to follow suit.

Britain's jubilee celebrations, which climax over a four-day holiday weekend starting Thursday, aim to recognize the diversity of the U.K. and the Commonwealth. A pageant through central London on Sunday will feature Caribbean Carnival performers and Bollywood dancers.

But Britain's image of itself as a welcoming and diverse society has been battered by the revelation



Onlookers gather outside Buckingham Palace in London on Tuesday. A four-day celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the British throne begins Thursday, but many countries in the Commonwealth are not in a celebratory mood. MATT DUNHAM/AP

that hundreds, and maybe thousands, of people from the Caribbean who had lived legally in the U.K. for decades were denied housing, jobs or medical treatment – and in some cases deported — because they didn't have the paperwork to prove their status.

The British government has apologized and agreed to pay compensation, but the Windrush scandal has caused deep anger, both in the U.K. and in the Carib-

A jubilee-year trip to Belize, Jamaica and the Bahamas in March by the queen's grandson Prince William and his wife, Kate, which was intended to strengthen ties, appears to have had the opposite effect. Images of the couple shaking hands with children through a chain-link fence and riding in an opentopped Land Rover in a military parade stirred echoes of colonialism for many.

Cynthia Barrow-Giles, professor of political science at the University of the West Indies, said the British "seem to be very blind to the visceral sort of reactions" that royal visits elicit in the Caribbean.

Protesters in Jamaica demanded Britain pay reparations for slavery, and Prime Minister Andrew Holness politely told William that the country was "moving on," a signal that it planned to become a republic. The next month, Antigua

and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne told the queen's son Prince Edward that his country, too, would one day remove the queen as head of state.

William acknowledged the strength of feeling and said the future "is for the people to decide upon."

"We support with pride and respect your decisions about your future," he said in the Bahamas. "Relationships

evolve. Friendship endures." When then-Princess Elizvisited upon people in the abeth became queen in 1952 colony of Kenya before and on the death of her father, after she acceded to the King George VI, she was in Kenya. The East African country became independent in 1963 after years of violent struggle between a

1950s "Mau Mau" uprising and paid millions in an out-of-court settlement. Memories of the empire are still raw for many

liberation movement and

colonial troops. In 2013, the

British government apolo-

gized for the torture of thou-

sands of Kenyans during the

Kenvans. "From the start, her reign would be indelibly stained by the brutality of the empire she presided over and that accompanied its demise," said Patrick Gathara, a Kenyan cartoonist, writer and commentator.

'To this day, she has never publicly admitted, let alone apologized, for the oppression, torture, dehumanization and dispossession

throne. U.K. officials hope countries that become republics will remain in the Commonwealth, the 54-nation organization made up largely of former British colonies, which has the queen as its ceremonial head.

The queen's strong personal commitment to the Commonwealth has played a big role in uniting a diverse group whose members range from vast India to tiny Tuvalu. But the organization, which aims to champion democracy, good governance and human rights, faces an uncertain future.

As Commonwealth heads of government prepare to meet in Kigali, Rwanda, this month for a summit delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, some question whether the organization can continue once

the queen's eldest son, Prince Charles, succeeds

"Many of the more uncomfortable histories of the British Empire and the British Commonwealth are sort of waiting in the wings for as soon as Elizabeth II is gone," royal historian Ed Owens said. "So it's a difficult legacy that she is handing over to the next generation."

The crisis in the Commonwealth reflects Britain's declining global clout.

Zimbabwe was suspended from the Commonwealth under its authoritarian late President Robert Mugabe, and is seeking readmission. But many in its capital city of Harare have expressed indifference to the queen's jubilee, as Britain's oncestrong influence wanes and countries such as China and Russia enjoy closer relations with the former British colony.

"She is becoming irrelevant here," social activist Peter Nyapedwa said. "We know about (Chinese President) Xi (Jinping) or (Russian President Vladimir) Putin, not the queen."

Sue Onslow, director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London, said the queen has been the "invisible glue" holding the Commonwealth together.

But she says the organization has proven remarkably resilient and shouldn't be written off. The Commonwealth played a major role in galvanizing opposition to apartheid in the 1980s, and could do the same over climate change, which poses an existential threat to its low-lying island members.

"The Commonwealth has shown a remarkable ability to reinvent itself and contrive solutions at times of crisis, almost as if it's jumping into a telephone box and coming out under different guise," she said. "Whether it will do it now is an open

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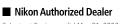
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Mourners gather Wednesday at the funeral of Ghafran Warasna, 31, who was shot and killed near the Al-Aroub refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. MAHMOUD ILLEAN/AP

## Israeli army kills Palestinian woman it says wielded knife

By Joseph Krauss Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian woman in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday who they said had approached them while carrying a knife. Another Palestinian was killed as the

family home of an attacker. The military released a photo of what it said was the knife she was carrying. It said the soldiers were patrolling a highway near the Al-Aroub refugee camp in the southern West Bank.

army went to demolish the

No soldiers were wounded. The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the woman as Ghafran Warasna and said she was shot in the chest. The Palestinian Prisoners' Club said Warasna, 31, had been released from Israeli prison in April after

serving three months. An Israeli security official said Warasna was jailed from January to March after attempting to stab an Israeli police officer in the West Bank city of Hebron. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said she attempted to stab the soldier Wednesday at "point-blank range."

There were no photos or videos immediately available to confirm the account.

The Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate said Warasna had worked on and off as a journalist for more than a decade. Dream Radio, a local station in Hebron, said she was on the way to their studio for a broadcast when she was killed.

In a separate incident, at least one Palestinian was killed in or near the northern West Bank town of Jenin, according to the Health Ministry, which did not provide further details.

Israeli forces were operating in the nearby village of Yaabed in order to demolish the family home of a Palestinian who methodically gunned down five people in Bnei Brak in March. Such operations often ignite gunbattles between Palestinian militants and Israeli troops. The military did not immediately respond to a

request for comment. Jenin has been the epicenter of a recent wave of violence. Israel has carried out near-daily arrest raids in the West Bank amid a string of attacks by Palestinians that have killed at

least 19 people.
Tensions have soared following the killing in the West Bank of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, who worked for Al Jazeera, and an Israeli ultranationalist march through a Palestinian neighborhood in east Jerusalem.

Recent weeks have seen at least 35 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces. Some were gunmen killed in fighting with Israel, while others were shot while allegedly throwing stones or firebombs at Israeli troops in the West Bank. But Abu Akleh, an unarmed woman and at least two people who were bystanders were also among those killed.

Palestinians have carried out dozens of stabbing attacks in recent years, often against Israeli soldiers. But Israel has also faced criticism from rights groups who say security forces sometimes use deadly force rather than arresting suspected attackers or stop them with nondeadly force.

Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war and the Palestinians want it to be the main part of their future state.

## Reagan gunman Hinckley to get full release after 41 years

By Jessica Gresko Associated Press

WASHINGTON - John Hinckley Jr., who shot President Ronald Reagan in 1981, is "no longer a danger to himself or others" and will be freed from court oversight this month as planned, a federal judge said Wednesday, capping Hinckley's four-decade journey through the legal and mental health systems.

U.S. District Court Judge Paul Friedman had freed Hinckley in September from all remaining restrictions but said his order wouldn't take effect until June 15. Wednesday's final hearing was scheduled to ensure Hinckley was continuing to do well in the community in Virginia where he has lived for years.

Hinckley did not attend the final hearing, and the judge made no changes to his plans to give Hinckley full freedom from court oversight.

"He's been scrutinized. He's passed every test. He's no longer a danger to himself or others," Friedman said at a hearing that lasted about an hour. Friedman devoted much of the hearing to talking about the "long road" of the case, to which he was randomly assigned two decades ago, as the third judge to be involved in the case.

He noted that Hinckley, who turned 67 on Sunday, was profoundly troubled when he tried to kill the president, coming "very close to doing so." But Hinckley has shown no signs of active mental illness since the mid-1980s, the judge repeated Wednesday, and has exhibited no violent behavior or interest in weapons.

"I am confident that Mr. Hinckley will do well in the years remaining to him," the iudge said. He noted that lawyers for the government and Hinckley have fought for years over whether



Federal marshals escort would-be Reagan assassin John Hinckley Jr. in Ouantico. Va. Hinckley will be freed from all court restrictions later this month. BARRY THUMMA/AP 1981

Hinckley should be given increasing amounts of freedom. "It took us a long time to get here," he said, adding there is now unanimous agreement: "This is the time to let John Hinckley move on with his life, so we will."

Hinckley was confined to a mental hospital in Washington for more than two decades after a jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity in shooting Reagan. The shooting was fueled by his obsession with the 1976 movie "Taxi Driver" and its co-star, Jodie Foster, who portrayed a teenage prostitute. In the movie, the main character at one point attempts to kill a presidential candidate.

Starting in 2003 Friedman began allowing Hinckley to spend longer and longer stretches in the community, with requirements such as therapy attendance and restrictions on where he can travel. He's been living full time in Virginia since 2016, though still under restrictions.

Some of those include: allowing officials access to his electronic devices, email and online accounts; being barred from traveling to places where he knows there will be someone protected by the Secret Service; and giving three days' notice if he wants to travel more than 75 miles from his home in Virginia.

Hinckley's longtime lawyer, Barry Levine, said the case had "started with a troubled young man who inflicted great harm" but that, in the end, "I think we have salvaged a life."

Levine said his client hopes to pursue a career in music and has "real talent." In July, Hinckley — who plays guitar and sings and has shared his music on a YouTube channel — plans to give a concert in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Reagan recovered from the March 30, 1981, shooting, but his press secretary, James Brady, who died in 2014, was partially paralyzed as a result. Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and Washington police Officer Thomas Delaĥanty were also wounded. Reagan died in 2004.

On Wednesday, Reagan's foundation issued a statement opposing the lifting of restrictions.

The Reagan Foundation and Institute is both saddened and concerned that John Hinckley Jr. will soon be unconditionally released and intends to pursue a music career for profit," the statement read. It concluded, "We strongly oppose his release into society where he apparently seeks to make a profit from his infamy."



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## **WAR IN UKRAINE**

## Overwhelmed hospitals struggling

Facilities in eastern Ukraine treat more with fewer resources

By Elena Becatoros

Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine — In wheelchairs and on stretchers, in ambulances and on train station platforms, they wait.

Medical workers pull out ramps and wheel the patients onto the specially equipped train that will carry them westward — and away from fighting that continues raging in eastern Ukraine.

Run by the aid organization Doctors Without Borders, the train is a lifeline for the overwhelmed hospitals in cities and towns near Ukraine's front lines that are struggling to cope with an influx of war wounded on top of their usual flow of sick patients.

"Since the beginning of the war, the hospital capacity in the east is under pressure," said Yasser Kamaledin, the organization's emergency project coordinator for the medical evacuation train, which includes an intensive care unit.

"The idea of this activity is to support the hospitals that are closer to the front line, to empty some bed capacity so they can receive more patients from the attacks, the conflict, but also other chronic patients," Kamaledin said.

Since it started running March 31, the train run by MSF — the abbreviation for the French name of the organization, Medecins Sans Frontieres — has ferried nearly 600 people to hospitals in safer areas of western Ukraine, he said.

They included Mykola Pastukh, 40.

He was wounded last week near Sievierodonetsk by a mortar shell that landed as he tried to ferry humanitarian aid into the city, which has been under



A patient on a stretcher is loaded onto a medical evacuation train Sunday at the station in the eastern Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk. FRANCISCO SECO/AP

fierce attack as Russian forces intensify their efforts to seize Ukrainian territory in the east.

There was still shrapnel inside him, he said as he stood on the train platform nursing his right arm in a sling under his shirt.

He needed surgery but the hospital in Lysychansk, a city close to Sievierodonetsk that was also under fierce Russian attack, just couldn't cope. So he was being evacuated to Lviv in western Ukraine for the operation.

There are other evacuation trains going west and onto which older people and the sick are boarded, but the MSF train is especially equipped to care for patients.

The pressure on Ukraine's eastern hospitals is most

evident after an attack, when casualties arrive one after the other.

Last week, medics wheeled a patient with severe head injuries into the hospital in the town of Pokrovsk as doctors, jaws clenched, triaged patients who were wounded when two rockets landed.

There were only a handful of wounded people. But the hospital is stretched. It has been operating with around half the staff it used to have, working with a backdrop of sandbags stacked up against boarded-up windows.

Before the war "when there was normal work, we had 10 surgeons, now we have five," said Dr. Ivan Mozhaiev.

The radical change in the nature of their work since

Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24 has added an extra strain on the doctors and nurses who remain in hospitals near the fighting.

"Earlier we treated people from illnesses, sometimes there were traumas. Now we have to treat people from gunshot wounds," said Dr. Viktor Krikliy, head of surgery at a hospital in the eastern city of Kramatorsk.

The city itself has come under attack, including April 8, when a missile struck its train station, killing over 50 people and wounding more than 100.

Many medical staff have left, and the hospital has had to shut down several departments while still providing care for people from the city and nearby towns. Krikliy's section of the hospital has

two surgery departments, which each used to have 15 surgeons. Now there are only six left for both. It's the same with nurses, with units operating around half the staff levels they had before the war.

Kramatorsk hospital, in the Donetsk region of Ukraine, has had to deal with war injuries before.

The region, along with neighboring Luhansk, is part of the Donbas, where Russia-backed separatists began fighting Ukrainian forces in 2014 and have controlled sections of eastern Ukraine since then.

Krikliy had to operate on the wounded then too, "but the scale now and then is incomparable," he said.

In 2014, it was soldiers, but this is the first time that

the medical staff in Kramatorsk are seeing many wounded civilians.

"We could not even dream in the most terrible nightmare" that civilians in Ukraine would suffer such injuries, he said, describing having to operate on children whose limbs were blown off by explosions.

Despite the danger, and the physical and emotional toll of working under such conditions, Krikliy has no intention of leaving.

"We are surgeons. Our task is to operate on the people and treat them. If everyone leaves, who is supposed to do the job?" he said. "Nobody says we are a suicide squad or looking for a way to die somewhere. But ... we do our job. And we will continue to do so."

## Russian plane crash yields varying outcomes

As a family escaped death, a man nearby was killed by pilot

By Valerie Hopkins and Maria Varenikova The New York Times

CHERNIHIV, Ukraine — It was Yulia Hrebnyeva's fastidiousness that saved the lives of her family.

First, she sent her husband outside to fix the lock on the door of their house. Then she brought her children down to the basement, insisting that they help her tidy the space where they had been sleeping every night to avoid the Russian missile attacks.

And that's when a Russian Su-34 fighter-bomber crashed through the roof of their two-story home.

A few blocks away, Vitaliy Serhienko was not so fortunate. The pilot of the downed plane had ejected. Serhienko and his brotherin-law, Serhiy Tkachenko, heard footsteps on their roof, and went out to investigate. "We wanted to catch

him," Tkachenko said.

The two men were approaching the source of the noise from opposite directions when Tkachenko heard gunfire. The pilot had shot Serhienko in the chest; he died in his own chicken coop.

Tragedy and serendipity are dispensed randomly in war, and on March 5, when a Russian plane fell from the sky, it produced two very different results in Chernihiv, a city in Ukraine's north. One family lived, almost miraculously, while Serhienko, in the wrong place at the wrong time, ended up dead.

There was an added element in the equation: The Russian pilot did not have the chance to drop his bombs.

"If these bombs had fallen on Chernihiv, there would be so many more victims," Hrebnyeva said as she surveyed the wreckage still



Yulia Hrebnyeva stands last month amid the wreckage of a Russian warplane that crashed into her home in Chernihiv, Ukraine, in March. "The bricks were just pouring down," she says. "Everything started to shake." **DAVID GUTTENFELDER/THE NEW YORK TIMES** 

in her yard more than two months after the crash. "Our house stopped it."

Serhienko's sister, Svitlana Voyteshenko, buried him the next day. "He was such a good man, he worked hard," she said. "Everyone liked him."

another life when the flames spread to a house across the yard from Hrebnyeva and an elderly, bedridden man was burned to death

burned to death. Chernihiv, located just 40 miles from Belarus and 55 miles from Russia, was quickly surrounded at the start of the war, besieged by Russian troops invading from both sides. The attacks were fierce. Russian forces intentionally bombed critical infrastructure such as water and electricity stations, as well as food storage, said Oleksandr Lomako. head of the Cherhiniv City Council, but never gained

full control of the city center.

Lomako said that pros-

ecutors had recorded 350 people killed as a result of missile strikes, and he estimated another 700 had died of causes related to the siege: lack of electricity, water and food.

The outrage at the devastation and death that Russia had inflicted was simmering among residents when the pilot catapulted out of the plane. Members of Chernihiv's Territorial Defense, a volunteer army unit, heard the explosion, said one soldier, Ivan Lut. He raced to where he thought the pilot might land, saw the orange and white parachute hanging over the house and began his own chase, he said.

The pursuit ended next door to Tkachenko's home when the Russian pilot, named in an intelligence investigation as Maj. Alexander Krasnoyartsev, was apprehended.

His face and chest were covered in blood. Flat on his back on the ground, he

raised his arms, begging, "Don't shoot, I surrender!" according to video footage shot on a Ukrainian soldier's mobile phone.

Soon a crowd gathered, some looking for revenge. "We had to fight with our own guys to save his life," Lut said, noting that soldiers had been given orders that the pilot be captured alive. The co-pilot was found dead

The remnants of the plane, a supersonic midrange fighter-bomber, are scattered across Hrebnyeva's yard. She pointed out the remains of a sauna and a small swimming pool nearby. Tulips peeked out from the metal wreckage of the plane.

Yulia Hrebnyeva's husband cursed playfully when she sent him outside to install the new lock, she said. She took the children down to the basement to clean.

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And then they heard crumbling. "The bricks

were just pouring down," she said. "Everything started to shake." She thought that she had heard shooting, she added, but it was the roof shingles coming undone.

Her husband, a retired military pilot, sustained burns on his hands and face, but was able to get help to pull her and the four children out of the basement.

"If my husband had not opened the door, we would have been burned alive," Hrebnyeva said.

From a military standpoint, the destruction of the plane was a sign of Ukraine's success in keeping Russia from gaining air superiority. Before the fullscale invasion began, it was widely believed that Russia could subdue the Ukrainian air force in a matter of days and establish control over the skies. But Ukraine has been able to shoot down at least 25 Russian warplanes. according to the military analysis site Oryx.

several days in early March, many by shoulder-fired portable surface-to-air missiles. Russia's pilots were flying low to avoid Ukraine's

More than one-third of those were destroyed over

Russia's pilots were flying low to avoid Ukraine's missile systems, said Justin Bronk of the Royal United Services Institute, a military research organization in London.

The aircraft that crashed March 5 was among about eight or nine shot down in a period of several days. That loss rate convinced Russian commanders that flying low during the daytime would be unsustainable, forcing pilots to fly at night, when darkness makes it much harder for Ukraine to use surface-to-air missiles effectively, Bronk said.

On this flight, Ukraine's military was able to shoot down the warplane before it dropped all its weapons: Images of the same type of aircraft taking off the next day, published by the Russian Ministry of Defense, indicated it had been carrying at least eight unguided 1,100-pound bombs.

Lut said that the pilot told them that he had only received the targets for the strikes while he was in the air, and that he was unaware they were hitting civilian objectives.

Voyteshenko, whose brother was killed in the chicken coop, said the pilot looked her in the eyes and told her he had not realized civilians were living there.

Did she believe him? "Of course not," she said.

As she stood next to the site where her brother was killed, Voyteshenko looked at an apple tree planted by her parents. She and her brother had picked its fruit together since they were children.

Her brother had started installing insulation and redoing the facade of their house last fall.

"Now I don't know if we will be able to complete it,"

## **NEWS BRIEFING**

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## **Grand jury indicts** accused gunman in **Buffalo mass shooting**

From news services

BUFFALO, N.Y. - The white 18-year-old man accused of fatally shooting 10 Black people at a Buffalo supermarket was charged Wednesday by a grand jury with domestic terrorism motivated by hate and 10 counts of first-degree murder.

Payton Gendron, who has been in custody since the May 14 shooting, is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday in Erie County Court.

The 25-count indictment also contains charges of murder and attempted murder as a hate crime and weapons possession.

Gendron had previously been charged with a single count of first-degree murder in the shooting, which also injured three people. He has pleaded not guilty. Prosecutors told a judge May 20 the grand jury had voted to indict Gendron but did not disclose charges, saying proceedings were ongoing.

The domestic terrorism charge accuses Gendron of killing "because of the perceived race and/or color" of his victims.

Former Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed the domestic terrorism hate crime law in August 2019, in the wake of a mass shooting targeting Mexicans at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas. The measure, dubbed the "Josef Neumann Hate Crimes Domestic Terrorism Act" after an attack at a rabbi's home in Munsey, New York, was signed into law on April 3, 2020, and took effect Nov. 1, 2020.

The charge, Domestic Acts of Terrorism Motivated by Hate in the First Degree, is punishable with a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

Murder charges were filed for each of the victims, who ranged in age from 32

to 86 and included eight shoppers, the store security guard and a church deacon who drove shoppers to and from the store with their groceries.

Hurricane deaths: Hurricane Agatha left at least 11 people dead and 33 missing in the southern Mexico state of Oaxaca, where it set off flooding and landslides, Gov. Alejandro Murat said Wednesday.

More than 40,000 people in the state have been affected, primarily along the coast and in the mountains just beyond, Murat said.

Agatha was the strongest hurricane since records have been kept to come ashore in May in the eastern Pacific.

It made landfall Monday afternoon on a sparsely populated stretch of small beach towns and fishing villages as a strong Category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph.

Bill Cosby case: Bill Cosby again faced sex abuse allegations as attorneys gave opening statements Wednesday in a civil trial that's one of the last remaining legal claims against the comedian.

Lawyers for Judy Huth, 64, outlined evidence they say bolsters their against Cosby, who is accused of forcing Huth to perform a sex act at the Playboy Mansion in 1975 when she was 16. The case will hinge on the testimony of Huth, photos and other archival exhibits to place the incident in time.

Cosby's attorneys, who say no sexual abuse happened, are likely to emphasize that the burden of proving the nearly 50-year-old case lies with the plaintiffs. They have acknowledged that Cosby took Huth to the Playboy Mansion, as a photo from the visit shows, but say they believe she was not a minor



South Korean election officials sort through and count ballots Wednesday at a gymnasium in Seoul. Voters went to the polls nationwide in races to elect mayors, governors, local council members and regional education chiefs. President Yoon Sook Yeol's governing party won 12 of the 17 races for big-city mayors and provincial governors in local elections. JUNG YEON-JE/GETTY-AFP

when it happened.

The trial is one of the last cases Cosby, 85, faces after a Pennsylvania appeals court threw out his criminal sexual assault conviction and freed him from prison last year.

Several other lawsuits alleging sexual misconduct were settled by his insurer against his will.

**US-Taiwan talks:** The Biden administration said Wednesday that it would pursue negotiations to strengthen trade and technology ties with Taiwan, a move that is aimed at countering China's influence in the Asia-Pacific region and one that is likely to rankle Beijing.

The announcement follows the administration's efforts to build an Asia-Pacific economic bloc. known as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, that includes 13 countries and excludes Taiwan.

China claims the island, a self-governing democracy that is critical to global technology supply chains, as an incontestable part of its territory.

While Taiwan expressed interest in becoming a full member of the Indo-Pacific framework, that prospect was deemed too controversial by many participating countries.

The talks with Taiwan will cover many of the same issues as the framework, from digital trade to reducing red tape for importers and exporters.

U.S. officials said the talks, the first of which will be held in Washington at the end of June, would focus on a variety of issues, including opening up trade in agriculture and aligning technological standards.

Meta move: Sheryl Sandberg, the No. 2 executive at Facebook owner Meta, is stepping down, according to a post Wednesday on her Facebook page. Sandberg has served as chief operating officer at the social media giant for 14 years. She joined from Google in 2008, four years before Facebook went public.

"When I took this job in 2008, I hoped I would be in this role for five years. Fourteen years later, it is time for me to write the next chapter of my life," Sandberg wrote on her Facebook page.

Sandberg has led Facebook - now Meta's — advertising business and was responsible for nurturing it from its infancy into an over \$100 billion-a-year powerhouse.

Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in his own Facebook post that he doesn't plan to replace Sandberg in the company's existing structure. Javier Olivan will serve as Meta's new COO.

Hunter Biden's ex-wife: Kathleen Buhle, the ex-wife of President Joe Biden's son Hunter, says she has "total control over my life now," five years after her divorce, as she opens up about her marriage in a new memoir.

Buhle describes her ex-husband's drug addiction, her response to his infidelity, including an affair

with her widowed sister-inlaw, and her challenges integrating into the Biden family. Excerpts of "If We Break" were published Wednesday by People magazine.

In the book, Buhle describes the pain she felt watching Hunter spiral into addiction, even as he denied it, and how "it became my own addiction" to document it.

She writes that the couple separated not long after Beau Biden's 2015 death from brain cancer, when Buhle found a crack pipe in their ashtray. Buhle said she found out

about Hunter Biden's affair with Hallie Biden, Beau's widow, in Nov. 2016. She says her daughters

discovered the relationship when searching through texts on Hunter's phone. While Hunter's finances are under investigation by the Justice Department, Buhle told People that "I

couldn't be of any help,"

adding, "I kept my head so

deeply buried in the sand on





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## BUSINESS

## Biden recognizes parents' strain in formula shortage

President, manufacturers meet as third import airlift set to begin next week

By Zeke Miller Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden on Wednesday acknowledged the strain on families from nationwide shortages of infant formula as he met with manufacturers while his administration tries to address the situation by importing foreign supplies and using the Defense Production Act to speed domestic production.

The White House said a third round of formula shipments from overseas will begin next week, from producer Kendamil in Britain. Shipments from Bubs Australia will be delivered next week as well.

"There's nothing more stressful than feeling you can't get what your child needs," Biden said, adding that as a "father and a grandfather," he understands how difficult the shortages have been for parents and their children.

Biden hosted a roundtable with leaders of manufacturers ByHeart, Bubs Australia, Reckitt, Perrigo Co. and Gerber. The list is notable for the absence of Abbott Nutrition, whose Michigan plant was shut down in February over safety concerns, sparking the shortage in the United States.

The White House did not respond to a request for comment on why Abbott was not included in Wednesday's meeting.

The president was joined by Heath and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy. The meeting was a chance to provide an update on what the administration is calling "Operation Fly Formula" to import formula and to use the Korean War-era production law to require suppliers to prioritize their orders in a bid to ease production bottlenecks.

The White House said the latest round of shipments would bring Kendamil formula from Heathrow Airport in London to U.S. airports over a three-week period, starting June 9. The flights will carry about 3.7 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents, shipped free of charge by United Airlines.

The first shipments will include Kendamil Classic Stage 1 and Kendamil Organic formulas, which will be available at Target stores across the United States.

Bubs Australia will ship the equivalent of 4.6 million 8-ounce bottles of its infant formula on Pentagon-contracted commercial aircraft from its hub in Melbourne, Australia, to Pennsylvania and California on June 9 and June 11, respectively.

Biden said that without such efforts, "it would have taken three weeks to get this product to the United States," but it arrived 'in three days.'

The Food and Drug Administration began focusing on Abbott's plant last fall while tracking several bacterial infections in infants who had consumed formula from the facility. The four cases occurred between September and January, causing hospitalizations and two deaths.

After detecting positive samples of rare but dangerous bacteria in multiple parts of the plant, the FDA closed the facility.

"The last thing we should do is allow

unsafe formula to be sold," Biden said. U.S. regulators and Abbott announced an agreement last month that would help pave the way for reopening the plant, though production has not restarted.



Inside the Frontier supercomputer, a network of tubes carries water to cool thousands of computer chips. The U.S. has regained a coveted speed crown in computing with Frontier, which is located in Tennessee. OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY/HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE

## Battling for tech supremacy

US supercomputer deemed fastest, but experts believe China has 2 speedier systems

By Don Clark

The New York Times

The United States has regained a coveted speed crown in computing with a powerful new supercomputer in Tennessee, a milestone for the technology that plays a major role in science, medicine and other fields.

Frontier, the name of the massive machine at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, was declared this week to be the first to demonstrate performance of 1 quintillion operations per second — a billion billion calculations — in standard tests used by researchers to rank supercomputers. The U.S. Department of Energy several years ago pledged \$1.8 billion to build three systems with that exascale performance, as scientists call it.

But some experts believe Frontier has been beaten in the exascale race by two systems in China.

Operators of those systems have not submitted test results for evaluation by scientists who oversee the so-called

Top500 ranking. Experts said they suspect that tensions between the United States and China may be the reason the Chinese have not submitted the test results.

"There are rumors China has something," said Jack Dongarra, a distinguished professor of computer science at the University of Tennessee who helps lead the Top500 effort. "There is nothing official."

Supercomputers have long been a flashpoint in international competition. The room-size machines were first built for cracking codes and designing weapons, but now also play major roles in developing vaccines, testing car designs and modeling climate change.

The field was dominated by U.S. technology for decades, but China has become a dominant force. A system there called Sunway TaihuLight was ranked the world's fastest from 2016 to 2018. China accounted for 173 systems on the latest Top500 list, compared with 126 machines in the United

Japan has been a smaller but still potent contender. A system called Fugaku, in Kobe, took the No. 1 spot in 2020, displacing an IBM system at Oak Ridge.

Frontier gives that top position back to the lab. The system, built by Hewlett Packard Enterprise using two kinds of chips from Advanced Micro Devices, was more than twice as fast as Fugaku in the tests used by the Top500 organization.

"It is a proud moment for our nation," said Thomas Zacharia, director of Oak Ridge, at an online briefing from an industry event in Germany. "It reminds us we can still go after something that is bigger than

Building the system, composed of 74 cabinets that each weighs 8,000 pounds, was made more difficult by the pandemic and the ongoing supply chain crisis, Zacharia said. But he predicted that Frontier would swiftly have a major impact in studying the impact of COVID-19 and aiding the transition to cleaner energy sources, for example.

Chinese researchers used to participate in the ranking process. But the country has adopted a lower profile in promoting its supercomputer progress as the United States has taken a series of steps to slow China's technology advances — including by making it harder for some Chinese companies to acquire the foreign chips that can be used to make supercomputers.

The Oak Ridge machine, besides aiding scientists, could help suppliers popularize some new products.

## Russia said to have cut gas supply to Denmark

By Jan M. Olsen

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark - Denmark's largest energy company said Russia cut off its gas supply Wednesday because it refused to pay in rubles, the latest escalation over European energy amid Moscow's military invasion of Ukraine.

Russia previously halted natural gas supplies to Bulgaria, Finland and Poland for refusing a demand to pay in rubles.

And on Tuesday, the tap was turned off to the Netherlands.

Danish energy company Orsted said it still expected to be able to serve its customers.

"We stand firm in our refusal to pay in rubles, and we've been preparing for this scenario," Orsted CEO Mads Nipper said. "The situation underpins the need of the EU becoming independent of Russian gas by accelerating the build-out of renewable

Russian President Vladimir Putin declared in the wake of Western sanctions that "unfriendly foreign buyers" needed to open two accounts with state-owned Gazprombank, one to pay in euros and dollars as specified in contracts, and another

The Danish Energy Agency said that in the first 18 weeks of 2022, Russian gas amounted to approximately 25% of EU gas consump-

The agency said that Denmark losing its supply would not have immediate conse-Because there is no pipeline going directly

from Russia to Denmark, Russia will not be able to directly cut off gas supplies to Denmark, which still will be able to get it, Orsted said.

Russia's move means that Denmark must purchase more gas on the European gas market, the company added.

## **BUSINESS BRIEFING**

## Setback against Russian airlines

BEIJING — China has barred Russia's airlines from flying foreign-owned jetliners into its airspace, the Russian news outlet RBK reported, after President Vladimir Putin threw the aircrafts' ownership into doubt by allowing them to be re-registered in Russia to avoid seizure under sanctions over Moscow's attack on Ukraine.

The European Union, home to major aircraft leasing companies, banned the sale or lease of aircraft to Russian carriers in

China's air regulator asked all foreign carriers last month to update ownership information and other details, RBK said. It said Russian airlines that couldn't provide documents showing their aircraft were "de-registered abroad" were barred.

## Advisers: Reject Frontier's offer

NEW YORK - A firm that advises investors on proxy voting said Tuesday that Spirit Airlines shareholders should oppose Frontier Airlines' bid to buy Spirit, saying that a competing offer by JetBlue is financially

Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. conceded that Spirit's board might be correct in concluding that the Frontier offer has a better chance of winning approval from antitrust regulators. However, the firm said, both bids carry regulatory risks but only the JetBlue offer includes a \$200 million breakup fee in case regulators reject it.

ISS said Spirit shareholders should reject the Frontier offer to signal its board to negotiate further with JetBlue, possibly to get a bigger breakup fee.

## Germans snap up cheap public transit tickets

By Frank Jordans **Associated Press** 

BERLIN - Travelers in Germany will be able to crisscross the country for under \$10 a month this summer as part of a government program intended to help combat rampant inflation, high fuel prices and

climate change. The hitch: the new "9-euro-tickets" that went on sale Wednesday only apply to local and public transportation, so getting from the Baltic Sea to the Black Forest will take

While travelers can expect to arrive eventually, many will have to put up with delays and crowds as bus and train operators struggle with the influx of new passengers.

Still, Germans have already snapped up more than 7 million of the tickets, the association representing Germany's byzantine patchwork of regional transportation companies, VDV, said this week.

It expects up to 30 million monthly users from June to August in the country of 83 million. The first big test is expected this weekend, when much of the country enjoys a long Pentecost weekend.

Mobility expert Katja Diehl said the tickets would particularly benefit people on low incomes and families that want to travel across Germany on the cheap. But she expressed doubt the summer program would have much impact on the way commuters behave, though packed trains could boost arguments for more public transportation funding by highlighting demand.

"Germany wants to double the number of passengers on public transport," she said. "That's only possible with reliable alternatives (to cars) and good pricing that doesn't end after three months."

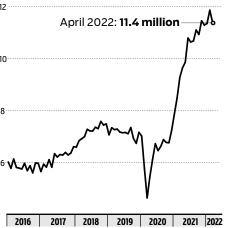
Some of Germany's neighbors have taken a more comprehensive, longer-term approach to encouraging people to use public transport.

Austria launched a "climate ticket" drive last year that covers all forms of transport. It costs \$1,175 annually, but there are discounts for families and low-income

Luxembourg, meanwhile, made all public transport free in 2020.

## Job openings

Monthly, in millions



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## **BUSINESS**



Donald Allan Jr., chief financial officer of Stanley Black & Decker Inc., speaking at a manufacturers' conference organized by the Connecticut Business & Industry Association in Trumbull in October 2018. FILE

## **Stanley Black & Decker** taps new chief executive

Allan credited with driving 'growth and transformation strategy'

**By Stephen Singer** Hartford Courant

Stanley Black & Decker Inc. announced Wednesday that Chief Financial Officer Donald Allan Jr. will become chief executive officer July 1. succeeding James Loree, who led the New Britain tool manufacturer through several acquisitions while also taking an active role in Connecticut's business community.

Since coming to Stanley Black & Decker in 1999, Allan, 58, has been "instrumental in driving the company's growth and transformation strategy," said Andrea J. Ayers, chair of the board of directors.

Allan has shared responsibility for global operations and supply chain, and has overseen Stanley's security business, the Outdoor Products Group and Asia Tools & Storage. He has also led finance, information technology, margin resiliency and advanced analytics.

Ayers credited Loree, 63, for leading Stanley Black & Decker through a period of significant growth, increasing annual revenue to more than \$19 billion expected this year from \$11 billion when he took the top job in

Allan said that following several divestitures, Stanley Black & Decker is a "more focused and streamlined company, with leading franchises that serve the construction, outdoor, and industrial markets."

Corbin Walburger, vice president of corporate business development, was appointed interim CFO as the board seeks a successor.

The company also said it will rebalance \$200 million to \$250 million of annualized investments to bolster its supply chain and improve productivity. It expects the plan to generate about \$1 billion of value in the next five years in addition to supporting growth in the tools and outdoor busi-

Among Stanley Black & Decker's deals initiated by Loree was a \$900 million acquisition of the Craftsman brand of tools from Sears in 2017. A year later it introduced 1,200 redesigned tools popular with professional contractors and do-it-yourself homeowners and extended its reach into the lawn and garden market.

Loree was a member of a state panel that recommended numerous policy changes to improve Connecticut's competitiveness and fiscal condition. He's been outspoken on the state's finances and economy, urging the governor and General Assembly to do more to promote economic growth.

Stanley Black & Decker also has partnered with the city of Hartford to establish the Parkville innovation district.

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## Robotic buoys developed to keep vanishing whales safe

By Patrick Whittle Associated Press

A Cape Cod science center and one of the world's largest shipping businesses are collaborating on a project to use robotic buoys to protect a vanishing whale from lethal collisions with ships.

A lab at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution developed the technology that uses buoys and underwater gliders to record whale sounds in near real time. The robotic recorders give scientists, mariners and the public an idea of the location of rare North Atlantic right whales, said Mark Baumgartner, a marine ecologist with Woods Hole whose lab also operates the buovs.

The whales number less than 340 in the world and ship strikes are one of the biggest threats to their existence, as they travel through some of the busiest stretches of ocean on the planet.

Now, French shipping giant CMA CGM is working with Woods Hole to deploy two of the robotic buoys off Norfolk, Virginia, and Savannah, Georgia.

CMA CGM is funding the deployment of the buoys, which will add to the data collected by six others off the East Coast, Baumgartner said. The two new buoys could be deployed for testing soon, he said.

"We have to change our industrial practices when whales are around. That's what this tech enables," Baumgartner said. "Having the industry tell us what works and what doesn't is the best way to have solutions that will actually be implemented."

The whales were once abundant off the East Coast, but their populations were decimated generations ago by commercial whaling. These days, they're vulnerable to ship colli-



They can report the sounds of marine animals, MARK BAUGARTNER/WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION

sions and entanglement in fishing gear. And they've dwindled in population in recent years because of high mortality and poor reproduction.

The whales are aided by a complex network of protected areas and shipping restrictions. However, scientists have sounded alarms recently that the whales have been straying outside of protected areas in search of food as waters warm. That has made them more vulnerable.

Representatives for CMA CGM, which has a U.S. headquarters in Norfolk, said the company chose to locate buoys off the Virginia city and Savannah because those are among the busiest shipping ports in the United States. Ed Aldridge, president of CMA CGM America, said it's an effort to "responsibly share the ocean with marine mammals and protect endangered species."

The company is paying for the construction, maintenance and operation of the buoys for three years, said Heather Wood, director of sustainability for CMA CGM America. The company declined to disclose the cost of the project. It hopes to build a consortium of shippers that use this kind of technology to protect whales, Wood

"It's an investment we're making in the future of the seas and the future of the right whale," she said.

Acoustic recorders have tracked whale sounds for decades, but the buoys that provide sound in near real time are a relatively recent invention, Baumgartner said.

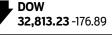
The robotic buoys make data available every couple of hours as opposed to months later, he said.

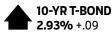
The results go on a public website and are also used by federal authorities to help make decisions about when to announce "right whale slow zones," which call on vessel operators to slow down to 10 knots or 11.5 mph — or less.

The data "allow us to send information to mariners quickly so those that are able can take action (by slowing down or avoiding the areas) to reduce the risk of vessel strike, which is one of the largest threats to this endangered population," scientists Diane Borggaard and Genevieve Davis of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in a joint statement.

## MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, June 2, 2022







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NYSE Comp.	15,709.61	-117.44	-8.47%	
Nasdaq Comp.	11,994.46	-86.93	-23.33%	
S&P 500	4,101.23	-30.92	-13.95%	
S&P 400	2,494.67	-20.13	-12.22%	
Wilshire 5000	40,780.25	-304.65	-15.85%	
Russell 2000	1,854.82	-9.22	-17.39%	

Commodities						
FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD			
Crude Oil (bbl)	115.26	114.67	+53.25%			
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.70	8.15	+133.14%			
Unleaded Gas (gal)	4.07	4.02	+82.72%			
METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD			
Gold (oz)	1,843.30	1,842.70	+.86%			
Silver (oz)	21.88	21.65	-6.19%			
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	Euro	1.0654	.9386	5-yr T-Note	2.94	2.76
	Japan	.007684	130.13	10-yr T-Note	2.93	2.76
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London	7,532.95	-74.71	98%	+2.01%		
Hong Kong	21,294.94	-120.26	56%	-8.99%		
Nikkei	27,457.89	+178.09	+.65%	-4.63%		

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## **Stocks of Local Interest**

YTD

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG	
AMC Entertainment A (AMC	) 12.81	-1.53	-52.9	Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	188.64	-5.00	-43.9	
AT&T Inc (T)	21.22	07	-13.7	MetLife Inc (MET)	66.66	73	+6.7	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	101.22	64	-29.7	Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	272.42	+.55	-19.0	
Affirm Holdings Inc (AFRM)	24.32	-4.18	-75.8	Missfresh Limited (MF)	.25	+.08	-95.1	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	17.29	58	-3.7	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.42	+.02	-72.8	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	69.28	-1.58	-20.8	Novartis AG (NVS)	89.64	-1.30	+2.5	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.60	01	-15.6	Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	3.82	+.01	-59.3	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	148.71	13	-16.3	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	183.20	-3.52	-37.7	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	47.72	+.13	-4.3	Occid Petl (OXY)	70.42	+1.11	+142.9	
Bank of America (BAC)	36.67	53	-17.6	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	73.97	43	-15.0	
Barnes Group (B)	36.04	+.01	-22.6	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	8.46	22	-53.5	
BitNile Holdings Inc (NILE)	.42	+.04	-64.5	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	52.37	67	-11.3	
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Brist Myr Sqb (BMY) CVS Health Corp (CVS)	74.96	49	+20.2 -6.4	Prudential Fncl (PRU)	105.32	93	-26.5 -2.7	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	96.54 13.47	21 41	-6.4 -33.1					
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	38.94	41 37	-33.1 -28.2	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	68.10	44	+2.1	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	495.38	5 <i>1</i> -11.55	-26.2 -24.0	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	94.81	31	+10.2	
Cigna Corp (CI)	264.58	-3.71	+15.2	Rogers Corp (ROG)	262.26	-3.12	-3.9	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	43.93	35	-12.7	SIGA Technologies (SIGA)	12.19	+1.25	+62.1	
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	1.82	13	-63.5	SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	64.43	+.44	-21.4	
Digital Turbine Inc (APPS)	19.68	-5.75	-67.7	Salesforce.com Inc (CRM)		+15.83	-30.7	
Disney (DIS)	109.19	-1.25	-29.5	Snap Inc A (SNAP)	13.93	18	-70.4	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	104.58	-1.05	-17.9	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.05	43	-55.4	
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.60	+.08	-84.0	Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	9.64	+.52	+106.9	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	22.95	31	-12.7	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	114.70	-3.99	-39.2	
Eversource Energy (ES)	92.12	20	+1.3	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.79	10	-2.1	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	97.84	+1.84	+59.9	Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.38	02	-35.1	
Ford Motor (F)	13.55	13	-34.8	Tellurian Inc (TELL)	4.49	28	+45.8	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.88	22	-25.4	Terex Corp (TEX)	35.14	25	-20.0	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	226.22	+1.31	+8.5	Tesla Inc (TSLA)	740.37	-17.89	-29.9	
Gen Electric (GE)	77.52	77	-17.9	Travelers Cos (TRV)	176.29	-2.75	+12.7	
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.61	05	-63.4	Uber Technologies (UBER)	22.94	26	-45.3	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	71.28	-1.23	+3.2	United Rentals (URI)	293.50	-4.68	-11.7	
Helius Medical Tech (HSDT)		+.52	-61.8	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	492.55	-4.23	-1.9	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	191.91	-1.71	-8.0	Virtus Invest (VRTS)	189.50	-3.16	-36.2	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.09	20	-24.1	Voya Financial (VOYA)	67.69	92	+2.1	
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.49	03	-77.2	vTv Therapeutics (VTVT)	.72	+.17	-27.6	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.03	+.17	-24.8	Webster Financial (WBS)	48.38	71	-13.4	
Intel Corp (INTC)	44.11	31	-14.3		1262.26		+24.5	
Kaman (KAMN)	36.32	+.11	-15.8	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	67.08	+.31	+36.0	
Keycorp (KEY)	19.50	46	-15.7	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	51.36	-2.08	-33.7	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	56.85	-1.08	-16.7	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	18.92	+.10	-33.7 -16.4	
M&T Bank (MTB)	177.79	-2.18	+15.8					
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	34.19	78	-23.8	Yamana Gold Inc (AUY)	5.57	+.21	+32.0	

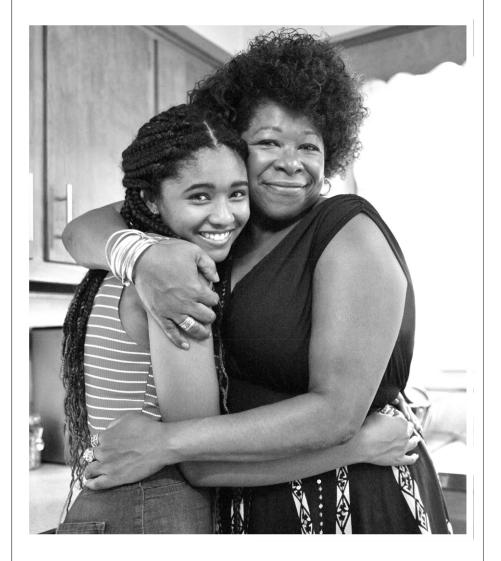
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## **OPINION**

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## Progressives' gun stance at cross purposes

By Matthew Yglesias
Bloomberg Opinion

"When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

The National Rifle Association doesn't really use that slogan anymore, but it came to mind last week as I considered a core tension in contemporary progressive thought: strong advocacy of gun control paired with increasing skepticism about law enforcement and incarceration.

In Philadelphia, for example, progressive District Attorney Larry Krasner has deprioritized gun possession charges altogether, holding that they fuel racial disparities and mass incarceration. At the same time, national Democrats are arguing more forcefully than ever for stricter gun laws. The last time this was actually successful, back in the 1990s, it was part of a seamless web of tough-on-crime politics — the assault-weapons ban was in a comprehensive crime bill that included hiring more police officers and provisions to build more prisons and make prison sentences longer.

Over the past 25 years, the left's views on the merits of being "tough on crime" have shifted dramatically. But as the response to last week's massacre at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, shows, progressives remain deeply concerned about the dangers of widespread firearms ownership.

That is a reasonable judgment in the face of tens of thousands of lives lost. But to reduce the death toll from guns, progressives are going to need to move beyond a strategy of tweeting harder, fulminating more and placing blame on the financial clout of the now nearly defunct NRA. They will need to come to terms with the fact that reducing gun violence will require more policing and incarceration, not less.

Whoever wills the end also wills the means, Kant wrote. But contemporary progressives have shied away from the means — stopping people who break even minor rules, using their rule-breaking as a pretext for a search, and then punishing them if they are carrying a gun illegally — even while insisting on an increasingly expansive conception of their desired ends.

To be clear, quality-of-life policing would not have averted the Uvalde massacre. But



Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner has deprioritized gun possession charges altogether, holding that they fuel racial disparities and mass incarceration. MATT ROURKE/AP

neither would have background checks. Tighter rules on high-capacity magazines might have mitigated it, but then again they might not have — such rules are in place in New York state and didn't prevent the mass shooting at a Buffalo supermarket earlier this month.

The point is that preventing these kinds of murders, in which a person with no prior criminal record obtains a weapon and then kills at random, requires imposing very heavy burdens on ordinary gun owners. The overwhelming majority of law-abiding gun purchasers, including buyers of terrifying semi-automatic weapons, do no harm.

Removing all of those weapons from the market is asking innocent people to make a considerable sacrifice. And it raises the question of how to enforce such a sweeping ban. A mandatory buy-back program would likely generate lots of compliance — among people who aren't criminals. To get guns out of the hands of criminals would require intrusive policing and prosecutions on a scale that's hard to imagine.

This is precisely the "only outlaws will have guns" scenario that worries even non-fanatical gun owners. They acknowl-

edge that, in principle, a gun-free America would be safer than the current gun-filled America. But they look at cities such as Philadelphia, where gun violence set a record in 2021, and with good reason don't want to bring that model to the exurbs and small towns where they live.

The problem is that the small handguns that account for the vast majority of murders in America are easy to conceal. Police officers cannot tell by sight who is carrying them — they need to stop people and search them. This kind of intensive policing can reduce crime without violating constitutional rights, as academic studies of Operation Impact — in which the New York Police Department would flood high-crime areas with officers — have shown. The low-crime era in New York City continued for years after the end of "stop and frisk," which was discriminatory and bred ill will.

That's because officers continued to stop people — people committing crimes — and then frisk them. After the deaths of Michael Brown and George Floyd, progressive thinking turned to the idea that aggressive enforcement of laws against "low-level" or "nonviolent" crimes

such as shoplifting, turnstile-jumping or pot-smoking was a mistake. But while it is of course true that fare evasion is a minor crime, these low-level offenses can be a way to enforce gun laws.

And as liberals sporadically realize, when lots of people carry guns around, it's very dangerous. In a city soaked with guns, gang disputes lead to bleed-outs rather than bruises. A bullet is much more likely than a knife to strike an innocent bystander. And a young man living in a dangerous neighborhood faces a basic cost-benefit calculus: Is the risk of arrest for carrying a weapon illegally greater than the risk of finding himself unarmed?

Vigorous enforcement of laws against illegal gun possession shifts this risk-reward calculus. First, it raises the risk of carrying. Second, by reducing the incidence of illegal carrying, it reduces the reward.

Years of steady application of this principle helped push many US cities into a much safer equilibrium. Now that equilibrium has been disrupted by the dual shocks of COVID-19 and reduced enforcement. Returning to a better equilibrium will be costly in terms of money and human suffering. But it will also have real benefits in terms of reduced gun violence.

Fulminating at congressional inaction in the face of spree killers may be satisfying and even necessary. But it is unlikely to persuade them to change the law. Continuing to insist on new rules while shying away from enforcing existing ones, meanwhile, burns credibility with conservative voters, who see a left that's eager to penalize their hobby and reluctant to punish criminals.

Considerable progress against gun violence is politically and logistically feasible with more quality-of-life policing and vigorous prosecution of illegal gun possession — and the increased levels of incarceration both would require. If progressives want to make guns harder to get but don't want to prosecute those who have guns illegally, then ... it's almost as if they're inviting a future in which only outlaws will have guns.

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An NRA member and protesters exchange words last week in Houston, where the gun rights advocacy group held its convention days after the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas. JAEC. HONG/AP

## NRA not driving GOP's gun agenda



Jonah Goldberg

In 2020, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana was the top recipient of money from members of the "gun rights" industry. His campaign received \$142,653 for the 2019-2020 cycle, according to Open Secrets. That put the so-called gun lobby

at 33 on the list, far behind other industries like real estate and accounting.

Health professionals alone gave roughly seven times more money to Scalise — \$1,072,904 — than the gun lobby did.

Meanwhile, individuals who simply put down "retired," instead of any industry, gave 100 times more, just shy of \$14 million

Scalise's corporate-connected and PAC donors tell a similar story. You won't find the NRA, Smith & Wesson, or anybody else from the "gun lobby," among the top corporate or PAC contributors.

And yet, Scalise often touts his A+ rating from the NRA. For some opponents of gun rights, this is shocking since Scalise was gravely wounded in 2017 by a mass shooter. The brush with death, Scalise would say a few months later (in the wake of another

mass shooting), only "fortified" his support

for gun rights.

Say what you will about Scalise's views on guns, they weren't "bought and paid for" by the gun lobby. The same holds for the Republican Party generally. In 2020, the NRA gave less than \$1 million directly to candidates — putting it 996th on the list of top donors. It spent \$5.4 million on lobbying, making it the 169th most lavish lobbyist. As Stephen Gutowski, founder of The Reload, a site focused on gun issues and politics, wrote in The Atlantic, since 2012, "the NRA's highest contribution ranking has been 294th, and its highest

lobbying ranking has been 85th."
And yet, this claim that politicians like Scalise, and the GOP generally, are "owned" by the gun lobby is an article of faith for many. When some Republicans made the questionable choice of speaking at the NRA convention in Houston, just days after the mass shooting in Uvalde, The New York Times declared, "There is no better manifestation of the gun lobby's total capture of so much of the GOP."

This gets the political reality backward: the "gun lobby" is the tail, not the dog. Indeed, the NRA is a hot mess, and has probably never been weaker. It's even tried to declare bankruptcy. Whatever you think of its policies, the GOP is not captured by puppet-masters who have its "balls in a money clip," in Jimmy Kimmel's colorful phrase. Republicans are following the will of their voters, or at least the voters who reliably turn out and vote on gun issues, particularly in primaries.

particularly in primaries. Indeed, there's something cowardly, lazy and undemocratic about blaming everything on the gun lobby. Politicians and activists have a tendency to pick fights with the opponents they want, rather than the ones they have. By demonizing a few unaccountable villains pulling the strings behind the curtains, advocates for tighter gun laws don't have to confront the reality that millions of Americans simply disagree with them. A Pew Research Center survey in 2021, for instance, found that around half of Americans don't believe that stricter gun ownership laws will lead to fewer mass shootings.

Compare the way the media talks about abortion rights vs. gun rights. Planned Parenthood and similar groups give at least as much to Democrats but the only people who regularly use the phrase "abortion lobby" are abortion rights foes. Supporters and the media frame their position as ones

of heartfelt conviction that reflects the views of Democratic voters or even women generally.

To the extent groups like the NRA and Planned Parenthood influence politics, it's by informing, galvanizing and representing voters — not by bribing politicians.

Some blame the Senate's "undemocratic" structure because less populous and more rural red states are over-represented, and support for guns — and gun ownership — is higher. Even if you buy this entirely, the Senate isn't the source of the stalemate; voters are. Democrats need swing state voters, and those voters resist New Yorkstyle gun control. Besides, if your strategy for passing sweeping new legislation requires getting rid of the Senate, then you don't have a strategy.

All of this may change because of the horror in Uvalde, and I certainly hope lawmakers find some workable reforms, even if comprehensive solutions are unlikely. But if Uvalde does break the logjam, it won't be because the gun lobby loosened its grip. It will be because voters changed their minds.

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## **Tag Sales & Flea Markets**

GLASTONBURY - Neighborhood Tag & Moving Sale on Lenox Dr. Sat June 4th, 8am-2pm. Lots of great stuff! LONGMEADOW, MA - Tag Sale, 56 Terry Drive, June 3 & 4, 9am-2pm MIDDLETOWN - Lawn & Garden Tools and Equipment Tag Sale- June 4th & 5th, 9 am - noon. 36 Holly Lane, Middletown. Everything must go.

PLAINVILLE 35 OVERLOOK DRIVE SATURDAY 6/4 8:00AM - 2:00PM - Bikes, sports equipment, small appliances, home & holiday decor. ROCKY HILL - Tag Sale. Saturday June 4, 8am-2pm. RH United Methodist Church. 623 Old Main St. Huge Indoor Tag Rummage Bake Sale & Outside space avail + picnic lunch! Bargains Galore.

SOUTH WINDSOR - Tag Sale Saturday June 4th from 9am to 4pm. 398 Quarry Brook Dr. South Windsor, CT. Collectibles, household items and books.

## VERNON

33 George Drive. June 3rd, 4th and 5th. 8am to 5pm. HUGE Multi-family Tag Sale. Rain or Shine. Includes furniture, pet gates, TONS of designer and stylish clothing for girls, boys through adulthood. Jewelry, books, religious items, gift baskets, electronics, sports, cookware, vintage. electronics, sports, cookware, vintage, crafts and MORE. Free items. You will NOT want to miss this!

WEST HARTFORD Neighborhood Tag Sale: 14+homes. Sat. June 4, 9am-4 pm. Furniture, housewares, crafting, bikes, clothes, toys, collectibles, linens, tools, books, paintings, AC & more. 2 Gerthmere Dr

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## Housing Authority of the Town of Mancheste

## CONTRACT No. 22-3

Sealed proposals for the project named above will be received at the office of the Director of Finance until 11:00 A.M., Monday, June 13, 2022. Thereafter, proposals will be opened in public and read aloud or opened and read aloud pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders. Responses received after this date and time will not be acceeted. this date and time will not be accepted. Beginning Thursday, June 2, 2022, specifica

in the best interests of the Town. Equal Opportunity Employer.

to respond.

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/ TOWN OF SIMSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Richard E. Ostop, Chairman Simsbury Public Building Committee 6/2/2022 7225525

## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

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mail. All proposals must be mail or delivered to: Proposal for Audit Services Attn: Joseph D'Ascoli Manchester Housing Authority 24 Bluefield Drive Manchester, CT 06040

Proposals must be received on or before July 8, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Submittals received after the deadline will not be considered. The award of this contract shall be governed by the Procurement Policy of the MHA and Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 85.36 and applicable HUD regulations regarding competitive proposals. The MHA reserves the right to reject any, and all proposals or parts therein. Award of this contract is subject to approval by the MHA Board of Commissioners. 6/2/22 7224216

TOWN OF ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ENFIELD STREET SCHOOL & HENRY BARNARD SCHOOL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT 06082

tions, and proposal documents may be obtained from the Engineering Office on the second floor of Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT. A one-hundred dollar (\$100) non-refundable deposit is required (STOO) Indirectionable deposits is required for each set of printed documents or electronically, at no cost, by email request to jcabibbo@enfield.org. Any questions concerning the project named above should be directed to the Engineering Office at

accept or reject any, all, or any part of propos-als, to waive any formalities or informalities, and to make an award that is deemed to be The Town of Enfield is an Affirmative Action,

Disadvantaged, minority, small and women owned business enterprises are encouraged

John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance 6/2/22 7224458

## Connecticut

(Equal Opportunity Employer)

Replacements

sealed fee proposals for each school will be received at the same time. Included in this work are the preparations of

Included in this work are the preparations of complete construction plans, specifications, code review, Connecticut Office of School Construction Grants & Review's required documents, bid documents, job meetings, change order preparation and related work for replacement of portions of the roofs at both Tariffyille Elementary School and Central Elementary School. Copies of the project overview and scope of work may be obtained at the office of the Director of Infrastructure and Technology or by emailing cmitchell@simsburyschools.net

Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation Pr

Xtra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 453 Washington Avenue North Haven CT 06473 on 6/14/2022 at 1:00 pm. Emerald Conde unit 2024 books, small bins and bags. Frank Leonard unit B227 golf club, tire, ladder. The auction will be listed and advertised on www. storagetreasures.com Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Bridgeport CT Minority Opportunity – Silktown Roofing is currently soliciting SBE/MBE/DBE subcontractors for Public Notice; Bridgeport

CT-Barnum Museum Historic Building Envelope Rehab-820 Main St. Trades; slate/

shingle roofing subcontractors, scaffolding, portable restrooms. Material Supply; flat stock metal, lumber. Our bid submits on Friday, June 10, 2022. If additional time is

needed for your submission please call our estimating department. Interested parties are asked to contact us at subcontracting@ silktownroofing.com. An Affirmative Action/

CAPITOL REGION

CRCOG is Requesting Proposals for Municipal Budgeting Software. Please visit crcog.bonfirehub.com for additional

All bid notices for the Capitol Region Purchasing Council are available at https://crcog.bonfirehub.com/. If you have any questions, please contact the office of the CRPC 860-724-4292, or e-mail crpcstaff@crcog. org. The towns reserve the right to rejeat any or all bids, or any part of any or all bids, if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the towns.

The Capitol Region Purchasing Council 6/2/22 7208208

Cube - 427 - Julia Bispham-Hare

Cube- 3204 - Gena Mcgrade

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-

Notice of Police SALE. The following severage unit contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 868 Flanders Rd. Mystic, CT 06355 to satisfy a lien on June 16th, 2022 at approx. 1:30 PM at http://www.storaget-

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LEGAL NOTICE

An application for a demolition permit is being applied from the City of Middletown by Wesleyan University and/or its Contractor to demolish the 1900 wood framed building

to demolish the 1900 wood framed building structure located at 20 Lawn Avenue. Filing date is September 1, 2022. Unless written objection is filled to the issuance of the demolition permit settling for the reasons for the objection with the Chief Building Official within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice, the permit may be issued after the expiration of said (10) days.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 391 N. Frontage Rd. New London, CT 06320 to satisfy a lien on June 16, 2022 at approx. 2:30 pm at www.storagetreasures.com.

Cube: 2103 Max Churchill, Cube 3115 Kimberly Falcone, Cube 2060 Jesus Acosta, Cube 3064 Yajaira Elliot, Cube 3006 Tamara Ruff, Cube 3013 Aaron Christopherson 7223744

LEGAL NOTICE

An application for a demolition permit is being applied from the City of Middletown

by Wesleyan University and/or its Contractor to demolish the 1914 wood framed building

structure located at 28 Lawn Avenue. Filing

date is September 1, 2022. Unless written objection is filed to the issuance of the demolition permit setting for the reasons for the objection with the Chief Building Official

within ten (10) days of the publication of this

notice, the permit may be issued after the expiration of said (10) days.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart, 175 Costello Road, Newington, CT 06111 to satisfy a lien on June 14th, 2022 at approx. 1:00 PM at www.storagetreasures.com Cube # 088 - Ashley Vanderpool 7225584

SE II CONTRACT NUMBER 2021B-23

6/2/2022 7224943

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

ion Program – Phase INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for construction of Contract Number 2021B-23: Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation Program – Phase II Project will be received and safeguarded by The Metropolitan District, at the office of the District Clerk of the Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, Hartford,

CT, 06103 until 2:00 PM (Local Time), July 8, 2022 and at that time and place Bids will be

https://themdc.webex.com/meet/tsweeney OR by phone: (415) 655-0001, enter meeting # 2307 097 3386 to connect to the meeting.

Contract documents may be obtained from The Metropolitan District's electronic procurement bidding system. Prospective Bidders must register at the web site; once registered, prospective bidders can download the bid package from the web site at www.ebidexchange.com/mdc. The Contract documents can also be viewed in person at MDC Headquarters located at 555 Main St., Hartford, CT by making an appointment with the District Clerk's Office at 860.278.7850,

Each Bid shall be submitted in strict accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 10 percent of the Bid.

Bidders on this work are required to comply with 40 CFR Part 33.240 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's policy on the increased utilization of Minority Business Enterprise's (MBE's) and Women Business Enterprise's (WBE's). The requirements for bidders and contractors covered by this policy are explained in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders and subcontractors to this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and 12549, the Governor of Connecticut's Executive Orders No. 3, 17, 16 and any amendments or supplements to those EOs.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and/or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Neither the State of Connecticut nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. This procurement will be subject to the requirements contained in subsections (h), (j) and (o) of Section 22a-482-4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. A copy of these Regulations is included in the Supplementary Conditions.

The Bidder shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate in Sewer and Water

The Bidder shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalination Certificate in Sewer and Water Lines from the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Connecticut according to C.G.S.§ 4a-100, C.G.S. §4b-101 and C.G.S.§4b-91. Bidders shall submit with their Bids their DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate along with a current Update Bid Statement. In addition, any named Subcontractor whose subcontract value is equal to or greater than \$500,000 shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate in the closest applicable Classification of the work that the Subcontractor will complete in the contract. The bidder must submit with their bid, all applicable Subcontractor DAS Prequalification certificates.

Since MBE/WBE Subcontractors are not required to be named at bid submission, Bidders

do not need to include MBE/WBE Subcontractor Prequalification Certificates with their bids. However, as to proposed MBE/WBE Subcontractors whose subcontract value is equal to or greater than \$500,000, the DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate is not required with the bid, but within fourteen (1.4) days of the notification of designation as the apparent low bidder, the apparent low bidder shall submit to the Owner a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate in each appropriate work classification for each such MBE/WBE Subcontractor. Bidders do not need to include MBE/WBE Subcontractor Prequalification Certificates with their bids.

The Successful Bidder and each of its Subcontractors having subcontracts in value equal to or greater than \$500,000 shall maintain and keep current their respective DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificates at all times during the term of the Contract and any warranty period

set forth in the Contract Documents.

John S. Mirtle District Clerk 6/2/2022 7225379

or the District's Agent(s) during this conference.

and read aloud by online conference call. All interested parties may join either by this

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the personal property. 6/2 & 6/7/22 7218941

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7219655

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The following vehicle will be auctioned off at Farmington Motor Sports Inc., 146 Brickyard Road, Farmington CT 06032 on Thursday June 16th @ 7 am.

The seller reserves the right to reject any

## Request for Proposals (RFP)-Audit Services

The Manchester Housing Authority requests proposals from qualified entities to provide Audit Services. The full and complete RFP may be obtained online at https://manchesterha.org, the Administrative Office, by request at 860-643-2163 ext. 101, or by mail. All proposals must be submitted by mail or delivered to:

6/2/22 7224216

(860)253-6366

The Town of Enfield reserves the right to

Project: Tariffville Elementary School and Central Elementary School Partial Roof

Oualifications Submittals, endorsed "TV & CN - Partial Roof Replacement Architectural Services", will be received at the office of the Simsbury Public Schools' Director Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070, until Friday, July 8, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Separate

e right is reserved to reject any or all bmittals or to waive defects in same if it deemed in the best interest of the Town

## Connecticut

Notice is hereby given that Recovery Connection Centers of America, Inc. plans on applying for a Certificate of Need in order to open a Substance Use Treatment Office to be located at 654 Center Street Manchester, CT. This office will be prescribing medications and offering counseling services to our clients. Any questions can be directed to Michael 877-557-3155 6/1, 6/2, 6/3/2022 7223491

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

NOTICE TO: JAMES WILLIAMS FATHER OF FEMALE CHILD BORN 4/17/2016 AND MALE CHILD BORN 1/15/2016 TO LATISHA P. IN NEW BRITAIN, CT., OF PARTS UNKNOWN.

named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful private or public agency or a suitable and

Floor, New Britain CT 06051. Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the

St. Hartford, CT 06115, a news a circulation in the town/city of: Hartford, CT

Date signed: 5/26/2022 Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to

6/2/22 7224466 PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of Canton has levied upon 30 East Hill Road in Canton described at Volume 133 Page 115 of the Canton land records and slated it for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. The property is owned by the Estate of Amelia M. Waterhouse and the Estate of Pamela K. Waterhouse, owing \$7,276.96 through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

2022 at the Canton Community Center, Room F, 40 Dyer Avenue in Collinsville CT. Bidders must present \$5,000 in certified funds payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at 6/2/2022 7224800

## Legal Notice CSO Solicitation No. 2400 est for Letters-of-Interest Planning and Engineering Services for I-95

Connecticut Department of Transportation An Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action

## 6/2, 6/5/2022 7219636

## THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

## Small Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation - 2022 **CONTRACT NUMBER 2022B-07**

Sealed Bids for construction of Contract Number 2022B-07: Small Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation - 2022 Project will be received and safeguarded by The Metropolitan District, at the office of the District Clerk of the Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800, Hartford, CT, 06142 0800 until 2:00 PM (Local Time), June 23, 2022 and at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by online conference call. All interested parties may join either by this link, https://themdc.webex.com/meet/tsweeney, OR by phone: (415) 655-0001, enter meeting # 2307 097 3386 to connect to the meeting.

Contract documents may be obtained from The Metropolitan District's electronic procurement bidding system. Prospective Bidders must register at the web site; once registered, prospective bidders can download the bid package from the web site at http://mdc.procureware.com/ home. The Contract documents can also be viewed in person at MDC Headquarters located at 555 Main St., Hartford, CT by contacting the District Clerk's Office at 860.278.7850, Ext. 3207.

Each Bid shall be submitted in strict accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be

or greater than \$500,000 shall maintain and keep current their respective DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificates at all times during the term of the Contract and any warranty period

(local time) in the MDC Pre-Bid Conference Room, 231 Brainard Rd, Hartford, CT. Prospective Bidders must attend this conference. All prospective Bidders are invited to ask questions to the District and/or the District's Agent(s) during this conference.

A petition has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 7/1/2022 at 2:30 PM at 20 Franklin Sq. 3rd

hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the: Hartford Courant, 285 Broad

Judge: Sheila Huddleston Signed: Melissa Lapent Administrative Asst.

pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is the held.

The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouses and heirs of Amelia M. Waterhouse and Pamela K. Waterhouse may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

An application for a demolition permit is being applied from the City of Middletown by Wesleyan University and/or its Contractor to demolish the 1900 wood framed building structure located at 22 Lawn Avenue. Filing date is September 1, 2022. Unless written objection is filed to the issuance of the demolition permit setting for the reasons for the objection with the Chief Building Official within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice, the permit may be issued after the expiration of said (10) days. 6/2/2022 7224959

## Exits 19-27A

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is seeking to engage one (1) consultant engineering firm to provide planning and engineering services associated with developing and examining preliminary alternatives for congestion improvements on I-95 between Exits 19 and 27A in the town of Fairfield and the city of Bridgeport. More detailed information regarding this assignment can be found at: https://portal.ct.gov/DDT/Consultant-Selection/Consultant-Selection-Information.

## TOWN OF CROMWELL LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to electors and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings in the Town of Cromwell that a Special Town Meeting will be held on June 8, 2022 at 6:50 p.m. at the Cromwell Town Hall, Council Chambers, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut to act upon the following:

1. To authorize the following appropriation within the Special Revenue Funds for the 2022-2023 Budgets:

a. Dog Fund \$23,900
b. Sidewalk Fund \$5,000
Copies of these budgets are on file in the office of the Town Clerk.
Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut this 1st day of June 2022.
Alian Spotts, Mayor For the Town Council

INVITATION TO BID

The Work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fees, permits, and other related costs necessary to provide for The Work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fees, permits, and other related costs necessary to provide for approx. 31,000 LF CCTV and Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Lining installation and, Hydraulic Cleaning of 3,000 LF of Sewer Main, Reconnection of 530 Active Service Laterals and Service Lateral Connection Liner (Top Hat), 2,100 VF of Sewer Manhole Monolithic Cementitious Lining, 1 New Manhole installation, 540 LF of Sewer Main Replacement, and 2 Sewer Point Repairs along with support equipment and accessories as shown and specified. Bidders are directed to Section 01010 Summary of Work for specific details. The Work shall be located in the Town of Bloomfield, City of Hartford, Town of Newington, Town of West Hartford and Town of Windsor; in the State of Connecticut as shown on the Drawings and specified therein. Drawings and specified therein

Each Bid shall be submitted in strict accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 10 percent of the Bid. The Bidder shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate in Sewer and Water Lines Classification from the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Connecticut according to C.G.S.§ 40-101 and C.G.S.§40-91. Bidders shall submit with their Bids their DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate along with a current Update Statement. In addition, any named Subcontractor whose subcontract value is equal to or greater than \$500,000 shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate in the closest applicable Classification of the work that the Subcontractor will complete in the contract. The bidder must submit with their bid, all applicable Subcontractor DAS Prequalification certificates. Any Bid submitted without a copy of the DAS Prequalification Certificate and an Update Statement for the bidder and DAS Prequalification Certificates of Subcontractors whose subcontract value is equal to or greater than \$500,000 shall be invalid.

set forth in the Contract Documents. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for potential Bidders on June 2, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Glastonbury Town Council at public hearings held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, approved the following:

NO 1 PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING — AMERICAN RESCUE ACT PLAN (ARPA) FUNDING. APPROVED FOR TOWN MANAGER TO PROVIDE A PROPOSED SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PLAN AT THE JUNE 14, 2022 MEETING.

NO 2 ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TOWN CODE ARTICLE IV. DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, SECTIONS 5-63 AND 5-64. (CONTINUED FROM MAY 10, 2022). APPROVED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JUNE 10, 2022.

NO 3 ACTION ON POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION — BECK PARCELS — DAYTON ROAD. CONTINUED TO JUNE 14, 2022.

NO 4 ACTION ON PROPOSED NEW SIDEWALKS — BELL STREET. APPROVED. NO 5 ACTION ON TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND-UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR UPDATES TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS — \$44,000 GRANT AWARD. APPROVED. Dated at Glastonbury, CT this 31st day of May, 2022. GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL BY. Thomas P Guillotta, Chairman 6/2/2022 7224234

## LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID The New Britain Public Library is accepting sealed bids for: New Britain Public Library Repairs and Restoration

LEGAL NOTICE

An application for a demolition permit is being applied from the City of Middletown by Wesleyan University and/or its Contractor to demolish the 1900 wood framed building structure located at 34 Lawn Avenue. Filing date is September 1, 2022. Unless written objection is filed to the issuance of the demolition permit setting for the reasons for the objection with the Chief Building Official within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice, the permit may be issued after the expiration of said (10) days. 6/2/2022 7225023

LEGAL NOTICE GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Glastonbury Town Council at public hearings held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, approved the

The New Britain Public Library seeks the services of a contractor to repair and restore certain areas of the New Britain Library

in the manner specified. Forms and bid documents may be obtained from Advanced Reprographics, on the Advanced Reprographics website (https://www.advancedplanroom.com/ jobs/public). Bids will be accepted at the jobs/public). Bids will be accepted at the ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICES of the New Britain Library, 20 High

Street, New Britain, Connecticut 06051 until 1 PM. local, Eastern Standard Time on June 21, 2022. Any bid received after the time

and date specified shall not be considered. Immediately after the 1 pm deadline, the

bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the library. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of Ten (10%) percent of the amount bid. Labor and Material Payment Bond and a Performance bond for One Hundred Percent (100%) of the contract price, with a corporate

surety approved by the New Britain Public

Library, will be required of the lowest respon

sible bidder. The attention of bidders is called to the requirement for minimum State Prevailing Fair Wage Provisions (C.G.S. 31-53), to be paid under this contract. This contract is subject to state contract compliance requirements, including non-discrimination statutes and set-aside re-quirements. State law requires a minimum of

to subcontractors holding current certifica-tion from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services. The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals. This Project is funded in part by State funds provided by the Connecticut State Library in

twenty-five (25%) percent of the statefunded

portion of the contract be set aside for award

the amount of \$250,000. General Building Construction (Group B) DAS Pre-Qualification required: In accordance note: No firm may bid on a contract which is estimated to cost more than \$500,000 unless the firm is prequalified with the State of Connecticut. (C.G.S. 4b-91 as amended). of Connecticut. (C.G.S. 49-91 as amended). Each bid submitted for a contract must include a copy of the bidder's prequalification certificate, issued by the DAS, showing that the bidder has the prequalification classification for General Construction, as well as for Mechanical and Electrical subcontracts; and aggregate work capacity rating required under such contracts. All lower tier subcontractors with contracts in excess of \$500,000 must be pre-qualified in the applicable classification at the time of performance of their work. In addition to the documents required in the bid, an update statement MIIST he included. Failure to sun-

of the bid.

In addition to DAS Pre-Qualification, all bid-ders must complete the AIA Pre-Qualification form enclosed in the project manual, exemplifying that the bidder has success-fully completed at least five (5) projects of similar restoration scope in the last fifteen (15) years similar restoration scope in the last fifteen (15) years. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to award any item, group of items, or total bid, and to waive informality or technical defects, if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the New Britain Public Library. No bidder may withdraw its bid within ninety (90) days of the date of the bid opening.

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The New Britain Public Library is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Disadvantaged, minority, small, and women business enterprises are encouraged to respond.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference for Bidders will be held on June 7, 2022 at 3:00pm at the New Britain Public Library. Questions may be submitted in writing, via email, to QA+M Architecture until seven (7) days prior to the bid date, addressed to: Kent McCoy, AIA, kmccoy@qamarch.com 6/2/2022 7224212

The Successful Bidder and each of its Subcontractors having subcontracts in value equal to

John S. Mirtle

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for potential Bidders at 2:30 PM on June 8, 2022, at MDC Pre-Bid Conference Room, 231 Brainard Rd, Hartford, CT. Prospective Bidders must attend this conference. All prospective Bidders are invited to ask questions to the District and/ District Clerk 6/2/22 7225428

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The Work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fees, permits, and other related costs necessary to provide for up to (including all Bid Alternates) 25,312 LF Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Lining, CCTV of 25,312 LF of sewer main prior rehabilitation, Reconnection of 904 Active Service Laterals, 404 Service Lateral Connection Liner (Top Hat), epoxy sealing of 500 Service Lateral Connections, 50 LF Sewer Main Replacement, Installing 3 New Precast Concrete Sewer Manholes, 1,826 VF of Sewer Manhole Monolithic Cementitious Lining, Rehabilitation of 117 MH Chinneys, Removal and Replacement of 21 Manhole Covers and Manhole Frames, Replacement of defective or missing 39 Manhole Riser Rings, Repair or Rebuild Existing 21 Manhole Brick Walls, 19 Manhole Covers alone inverts and 32 Manhole Tables along with support equipment and accessories as shown and specified. Bidders are directed to Section 01010 Summary of Work for specific details. The Work shall be located in the City of Hartford; in the State of Connecticut as shown on

## **OBITUARIES BY TOWN**

Avon Debra A. Mackinnon \* Josephine M. Meyer Berlin

Rita Desrochers **Bristol** Theodore G. Ancher, Jr. Debra A. Mackinnon Colchester William R. Abrams

**East Hartford** Marilyn A. Boccaccio Richard W. Mccarthy Joan N. Stauch Granby

Scott Cunningham Hartford Theodore G. Ancher, Jr. Scott Cunningham John I. Heath

Patricia Melley Manchester Marilyn A. Boccaccio Paul J. Frenette Middletown

Melissa M. Lancia

**New Britain** Rita Desrochers Ismael Rivera Old Lyme Richard W. Mccarthy Other Towns in CT William J. Cahill Melissa M. Lancia Josephine M. Mever Michael J. Mozzochi, Jr. **Plainville** Angelo A. Colella Rocky Hill Mary Senatro Simsbury Ismael Rivera **Tolland** 

Fredericka Close Vernon Fredericka Close **West Hartford** Elizabeth Ann Knight Patricia Melley

Joan N. Stauch

Carl R. Erlacher, Sr. \* Denotes name listing only. Please note: not <u>all death notices are in alphabetical order.</u>

## **OBITUARIES**

## Frenette, Paul Joseph



Paul Joseph Frenette, 72, beloved husband of Donna (Zack) Frenette, passed away on Friday May 27, 2022. Paul was born in Hartford, Connecticut to the late Archie and Beatrice (Balf) Frenette on September 17,

After graduating high school in 1967, he enlisted in the US Coast Guard from 1969-1973. During his years of service, he was deployed to Vietnam and served on the USCGC Hamilton.

On October 30, 1971, Paul wed his high school sweetheart and the love of his life Donna. Paul and Donna lived in Boston MA, East Hartford CT and lastly Manchester CT where they settled down and started a family in 1975. Paul worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 45 years as a Project Manager. While he was working for the IRS, Paul ran the East Hartford Golf Course restaurant along with his family, for 6 years. He was also a life member of the VFW 2083 in East

His greatest joys in life were spending time with his family and friends, the beach and the game of softball. Paul enjoyed riding the Atlantic Ocean waves in Cape Cod and North Carolina, letterboxing throughout the US with Donna, traveling to softball tournaments and experiencing global adventures with his old softball triends.

Paul was a home run legend in the softball world. He started his softball career when he was stationed in Boston for the Coast Guard in 1971. Once he returned home, he formed a slo-pitch softball team continuing this love of the game. Paul played across the US and Canada receiving many accolades throughout his career including two grand slams within one game and hitting more than 750 home runs while playing in the USSSA division and thousands more in local leagues. Paul was inducted into the New England USSSA slo-pitch softball hall of fame in 1993 as well as the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. Throughout his career he played for numerous local & travel teams including Iffland Lumber, Budweiser, Nassif Sports and Pierce Construction. He continued to play the game he loved within the senior league, up until his death as a player and manager with Talaga Construction Senior Softball Team. Just ask anyone whose played softball in New England and they will have a story about Paulie

Sports ran deep within the Frenette family. Paul enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren patriciate in sports. No matter the sport, he was always there supporting his family. Hockey was something very special to Paul. From driving to early morning ice times with the great smell of the hockey bag in the back seat, to the long road trips to various rinks around the US, nothing could ever stop Paul in supporting his son Trevor. This love for the game extended when all four of his grandchildren continued building the hockey family legacy. From learn-to-skate to high school play, Paul encouraged them to always do their best and loved to cheer them on, while also giving the refs a little piece of his mind along the way.

Paul is survived by his loving wife Donna; daughter Ali and her husband Reid; son Trevor and his wife Jaclyn and 4 grandchildren: Ty, Max, Jordan and Zackary. He leaves behind two brothers, David Frenette and his wife Debbie and Ronald Frenette, as well as numerous cousins, brother & sister-in-laws, and nieces and nephews. Paul leaves this world to join his parents, mother & father-in-law Joseph and Virginia Zack, as well as his niece & goddaughter Melissa.

Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, on Sunday, June 5th, 2022, from 2-6 pm. A Funeral Home Service will be held on Monday, June 6th at 11:00 am followed by burial with military honors at Hillstown Cemetery.

Donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For online condolences, please visit www. tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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## **OBITUARIES**

## Boccaccio, Marilyn A.(Aleo)



Marilyn "Micki" Boccaccio, 72, of East Hartford, loving wife of 48 years to Paul Boccaccio, peacefully passed away with her caring family by her side on Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at Hartford Hospital after a valiant battle with cancer. Born in Hartford on September 30, 1949, a daughter of the late Al and

Mary (Calipari) Aleo, she had been a lifelong resident of East Hartford. Micki graduated from East Catholic High School in Manchester, class of 1967, American International College in Springfield, MA, class of 1971, and later obtained her Master's and Sixth-Year degree from Central Connecticut State University formerly Toochers College Connecticut State University, formerly Teachers College of Connecticut, in New Britain.

of Connecticut, in New Britain.
Shortly after graduation, she started her illustrious teaching career focusing on English Literacy. Over Micki's four decades of teaching, she positively impacted thousands of students at many different schools, including St. Thomas, St. Christopher and the East Hartford School District. She enjoyed getting to know her students over the years and loved keeping up with their lives even after retiring in 2015.

with their lives even after retiring in 2015. In addition to her teaching career, Micki's focus was on her family and friends. She was a pillar of strength within her family and was always willing to help regardless of the situation, as nothing was too big or too small. A devout catholic, she was a longtime faithful communicant of Our Lady of Peace Church in East Hartford. She also was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling, an avid fan of the UConn Men and Women basketball teams. a loval fan of the Boston Red Sox. basketball teams, a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox, and loved cooking family dinners, especially at holidays. Most of all, Micki touched many lives with her compassionate and caring nature. Besides her beloved parents, she was predeceased by her in-laws Sam and Mary Boccaccio of East Hartford; and her brother-in-

law, Tom Boccaccio of Colchester. Along with her loving husband, Paul, Micki is survived by her two devoted sons, Joe Boccaccio of East Hartford, Nick Boccaccio and his wife, Allison, of Lakewood Ranch, FL; two beloved grandchildren, Isabel Dionne and Gianna Boccaccio; her loving sister, Sue (Aleo) Quaglia and her husband, Joe, of Orange and formerly of Manchester; her brother-in-law, Tony Boccaccio of East Hartford; a sister-in-law, Diane Boccaccio of East Hartford; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

Funeral service will be Saturday, June 4, 2022 with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 am at Our Lady of Peace Church, 370 May Road, East Hartford. Everyone is asked to please meet directly at the church on Saturday morning. Burial will follow at Silver Lane Cemetery, East Hartford. Relatives and friends may call at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford on Friday, June 3, 2022 from 4 – 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Marliyn's name to either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or East Catholic High School, c/o Advancement Office, 115 New State Road, Manchester, CT 06042. Micki and her family would like to extend their gratitude to all family and friends who provided their help and support over the years. The family would also like to sincerely thank Dr. Heather Einstein and her team, as well as the entire team at Conklin Floor 3 at Hartford Hospital for their remarkable care and compassion given to Micki and her entire family. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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## Close, Fredericka (Brewster)



Fredericka (Brewster) Close, 75, of Tolland passed away on May 31, 2022 following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. As always, Paul, her loving husband of 46 years, was by her side.

She was born December 1, 1946 to the late Florence and George Brewster. attended local schools in

Waterbury, graduating from Croft High School. She earned her nursing degree from St. Mary's School of Nursing. After decades of caring for the physical body of her patients as a Registered Nurse (RN) and in the HIV/AIDS arena as an AIDS Certified Registered Nurse (ACRN), Freddie retired from her distinguished nursing career to devote her energy and skills to serving others by helping them embrace and heal their spiritual body.

Freddie was a fierce woman—holding fast to her beliefs, defending those she loved, and always seeking to better herself and those around her. To her family, "pulling a Freddie" will always mean standing up for yourself and taking no prisoners!

Multitalented, Freddie was a healer, published author, artist, seamstress, organic gardener, environmental activist, vegetarian cook, flower arranger, home decorator, PTO president, spiritual teacher and counselor. She had a beautiful singing voice and enjoyed listening to music ranging from Janis Joplin to Vivaldi.

A spiritual seeker her entire life, she studied with Caroline Myss and Sai Baba and continually read the works of Jung and many others. She studied liberal arts completing a seven-year course at Ubiquity University Wisdom School in Chartres, France.

Freddie wrote and taught about the relationship between the body, mind and soul in seminars and individual counseling. Through Sacred Contracts Consulting, she helped many people navigate their personal and professional lives.

She also loved seeing the world. Her travels with Paul took her to India, Israel, Egypt, Europe and the Caribbean. She also went to Africa on her own. Back home, their motorhome adventures brought them to many states (her favorite was Alaska) and the Canadian Provinces. The two also enjoyed (okay...she tolerated) traveling to car shows throughout New England where the highlight was meeting up with friends.

Freddie is survived by husband Paul; daughters Pam Starkey (fiancé Joe Canestrari) of Florida, Angela Koehnke (partner Sean Corrigan) of Connecticut, Heather Bloemker (husband Ray) of Pennsylvania, and Megan Close of Montana; son-in-law John Hudop of Pennsylvania; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is pre-deceased by daughter Jessica Hudop.

Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family on Saturday, June 4 from 1-3 p.m. at Burke-Fortin Funeral Homes, 76 Prospect St., Rockville. A Celebration of Life will follow at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, her family is asking that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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## Cahill, William J.



William J. "Bill" Cahill, 85, of Durham passed away on May 29, 2022. Bill is the son of the late Anna Astle Cahill and William J. Cahill of Middletown CT. Bill was pre-deceased by his loving wife of 56 years Linda. He is survived by his wife Eileen (Kukish), and his children, Dennis and his wife Margaret and David and his wife Sharon. His four grand-

children, Tom, Ellen, Taylor, and Nicholas. He is also survived by one great granddaughter, Giuliana. He loved his grandchildren very much and was very interested in their various activities throughout their school years, attending their sporting events, dance performances, music concerts, graduations and other activities. Bill is also survived by his four brothers Walter (Patricia), James, Terrence (Mary), and John (Sandy) and survived by his brothers in law, Michael (Patty), and Gene and his sisters in law, Diana (Jack), Verna, Gloria Gene and his sisters in law, Diana (Jack), Verna, Gloria (Harley), Donna (Mark), and Nancy (Eileen's sister). After graduating from the University of Connecticut, Bill was employed by Stop & Shop Super Markets for a short time, and then by Bradlees Department Stores in various management positions, after they were acquired by Stop & Shop, retiring in 1996. He was very involved in youth sports activities, and this led to his being a charter member of the Benchwarmers Inc. being a charter member of the Benchwarmers Inc., a booster club for the athletes of Regional District 13. booster club for the athletes of Regional District 13. Bill was honored by the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance receiving the John Wentworth Good Sport award in 1998 for his dedication to community sports and by The Connecticut Association of Schools in 2014 as their Distinguished Friend of Education. A Funeral Liturgy will be held on Monday, June 6th at 11a.m. at Notre Dame Church in Durham. Burial will be in Mica Hill Cemetery, Durham. Friends may call prior to the service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St. Middletown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either St. Jude's, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or Leukemia &Lymphoma Society. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com. www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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## McCarthy, Richard W.



Richard "Dick" W. McCarthy, 83, of East Hartford, loving husband of 61 years of Jeanne (Oliva) McCarthy, peacefully passed away surrounded by his caring family on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Born in Hartford on February 18, 1939, a son of the late Dennis S. and Nellie (Moynihan) McCarthy, he had been a life-long resident of East Hartford. Dick

was a graduate of East Hartford High School, class of 1956 where he was a star football player, earning All-State honors as an offensive and defensive tackle. He was a veteran of the Army National Guard during the Vietnam

Prior to his retirement, he was employed for 38 years at N.T. Oliva, Inc. in East Hartford, retiring as a Partner with the company. Dick enjoyed giving back to his community and was a well-liked baseball coach in East Hartford Little League and Pony League. He was an active member of the East Hartford Rotary Club where he was a recipient of the prestigious Paul Harris award. He loved working and chairing different projects for Rotary, but took great pride in the "Koats for Kids" project in conjunction with the East Hartford Social

Services department.

A devout catholic, he was a longtime communicant of St. Christopher Church, East Hartford, and was a former member of the school board at St. Christopher former member of the school board at St. Christopher School. He was also a former member of the Knights of Columbus-Rev. J.C. Martin Council #3901, East Hartford and of the Volunteer Hose Company #2 of East Hartford. Dick also enjoyed going to his cottage at Point O' Woods in Old Lyme, sitting on his porch and playing cribbage with family and friends. He liked traveling and going on cruises with his wife throughout the United States and Europe, spending winters in the Fort Meyers, FL area, and fishing. He was also a faithful, loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox, UConn Women's basketball, and New York Giants. Most of all, Dick was a proud husband, father, and grandfather who loved spending time with father, and grandfather who loved spending time with his three special grandsons, supporting them at their school activities and sporting events.

Along with his beloved wife Jeanne, Dick is survived by his devoted son, Richard D. McCarthy and his wife Mercedes of Glastonbury; and his three cherished grandsons, Atty Austin D. McCarthy of Atlanta, GA, Ian R. McCarthy of Glastonbury, and Colin M. McCarthy of South Windsor. He also leaves a brother, Dennis J. McCarthy of Wethersfield; a sister-in-law, Nancy McCarthy of East Hartford; many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Besides his parents, he was predeceased

by a brother, John E. McCarthy of East Hartford. Funeral service will be Monday (June 6, 2022) with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:30 am at St. Christopher Church of St. Edmund Campion Parish, 538 Brewer Street, East Hartford. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, (Section P), Burnside Avenue, East Hartford. Everyone is asked to please meet directly at the church on Monday morning. Relatives and friends may call at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, Carter Street, East Hartford on Sunday (June 5, 2022) from 4 – 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Richard's name may be made to the East Hartford Rotary Charitable Foundation – Koats for Kids, P.O. Box 380035, East Hartford, CT 06138-0035. For online expressions of sympathy to the family please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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## **OBITUARIES**

## Heath, John I.



John Ivan Heath, of Hartford, CT passed away peacefully at his home on May 25, 2022. Affectionately known Johnny, he was born in the parish of Hanover, Jamaica, West Indies. Johnny migrated to the United States when he was a young man and settled in Connecticut. He worked at Suisman & Blumenthal (now known as Sims Metal Mgt) for

about 42 years until he retired. John is survived by his beloved spouse and best friend, Pernella Gwynn of over 50 years; son, Neville Heath his wife Vivienne over 50 years; son, Neville Heath his wife Vivienne Clarke; stepson Lloyd Evans Hentley Jr and his wife Mary Hentley. He also leaves behind two sisters Hyacinth Rattray in England and Gloria Buchannan in New York along with extended family and friends both in the USA and Jamaica. John was loyal and kindhearted individual. He enjoyed gardening and reading. His homegoing service will be held on Saturday June 4, 2022, at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor, CT. The visitation will be Saturday 9AM to 10AM followed by funeral service from 10AM to 11AM. Burial to follow at Mountain View Cemetery, 30 Mountain Ave, Bloomfield Ct 06002. If you intend to attend the funeral, wearing of a mask is graciously requested. Carmon Funeral Home, Windsor has care of the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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## Colella, Angelo A.



Angelo A. Colella, 93, lifetime resident of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at the Pines at Bristol. He is now reunited with his loving wife of 67 years, Barbara (Mastrianni) Colella who predeceased him in 2018.

Angelo was born on May 16, 1929 in Plainville, son to the late Joseph James and Concetta (Barresi) Colella. It was love at first sight for Angelo when he

was love at first sight for Angelo when ne met Barbara as a teenager. Together they settled in Plainville on Skyline Drive shortly after their marriage, where they raised their beautiful daughter, Deborah, who predeceased both her parents in 2014. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged. Angelo was the owner and operator of Formalwear by Debonair in New Britain for many years alongside his wife. He had a great sense of fashion and especially loved Tuxedo's. He spent many years dedicated to his passion for clothing, but in his downtime enjoyed various sports, including the game of golf and the Buffalo Bills. True to his Italian roots, Angelo liked to cook and was a huge lover of corn on the cob. He was a talented worker in the yard, from laying pavement to building lattice and simply maintaining his lawn, and had fun in doing so. In addition, he was a lover of Scottish Terriers and sadly leaves behind his fury friend, Dempsey, who brought him much joy over the years. A man of many talents and strong-will, Angelo will be missed as his family takes comfort in knowing he has reunited with his wife and daughter. Angelo was the owner and operator of Formalwear by his wife and daughter.

Angelo is survived by his grandson, Rudy Colella and his girlfriend, Jennifer Roy and her children, Tyler, Logan, and Mason. He also leaves behind several nieces, neph-

ews, and extended family members.

Family and friends are welcome to gather on Tuesday, June 7 from 5 to 7 PM at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A prayer service in celebration of Angelo's life will be held at 7 PM at the funeral home. Full military honors will be rendered following the service. Burial will be held at a later date. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.



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## Stauch, Joan Nancy



Joan Nancy Stauch, 77, of East Hartford, peacefully went to be with our Lord on Saturday, May 28, 2022 with her caring family by her side at her home. Born in Hartford on July 25, 1944, a daughter of the late Edward and Mary (Duplessis) Stauch, she had been a life-long resi-

dent of East Hartford. Joan was a graduate of East Hartford High school, class of 1962. Prior to her retirement, she was employed for 24 years by Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford, retiring as a Supervisor.
After retiring, she worked 15 years at Ryder
Transportation Company in Hartford in their Human
Resources department. She was a member of the East Hartford Senior Center and liked caring for her flower gardens and listening to the birds. She enjoyed walking her step-dog, Maxxie, outside around the neighborhood. Joan was also an avid reader and liked solving word searches.

Joan is survived by her sister and special caregiver, Shirley McGarry of East Hartford with whom she made her home; her brother, David D. Stauch and his wife Linda of Feeding Hills, MA; a sister-in-law, Debbie Stauch of Claremont, NH; a treasured lifelong friend, Kathy Locario of Wethersfield; six cherished nephews and their families; several dear friends and former co-workers. Along with her beloved parents, Joan was predeceased by a brother, Jerry Stauch of West Hartford, and a brother-in-law, Bernard "Mac" McGarry of East Hartford.

Private funeral service and burial at Hillside Cemetery, East Hartford will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Joan's name may be made to Foodshare of Connecticut, 450 Woodland Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002 or the Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, 8 Keynote Drive, Vernon, CT 06066. The D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www. desopoeh.com.



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## Knight, Elizabeth "Betty" Ann (Wallace)

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann (Wallace) Knight, 87, of West Hartford, CT passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at home surrounded by family. Elizabeth was born March 27, 1935 in Winchester, CT to proud parents Melvin and Dorothy Wallace. Elizabeth grew up in Granby, CT and lived most of her life in the Hartford area. Elizabeth was a proud graduate of Mount Saint Joseph Academy (The Mount). Thereafter, she graduated from the esteemed Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Elizabeth spent much of her nursing career

ated from the esteemed Hartford Hospital School of Nursing. Elizabeth spent much of her nursing career working for Hartford Hospital. In addition, Elizabeth also went back and served as an instructor at the Hartford School of Nursing, continuing to pass on her skills and knowledge to future graduates.

On February 1, 1958, she married Irving Knight and they remained happily married until his passing on November 13, 2012. In 1967, they welcomed a baby girl Katherine and were blessed again when they welcomed a boy Jonathan in 1969. When the children became of age, she resumed her nursing career working part time at Saint Joseph College as a member of the nursing at Saint Joseph College as a member of the nursing staff until her retirement.

A devoted wife and loving mother, Elizabeth was always involved in her children's activities; subtly sharing sound advice in every stage of their lives. Elizabeth was always active in her neighborhood, community, and various civic and church organizations. She was intricately involved as a member of the Alumni Association of the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing; most notably serving as Assistant Treasurer and President

Elizabeth stayed active playing tennis and golf. enjoyed reading and shared her love of books with her children and never failed to cheer on the Boston Red

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter Katherine Schuele and her husband Jochen Schuele; her son Jonathan Knight and his wife Christine Knight; and her granddaughters Sasha Schuele and Genevieve Knight. They all love and will miss her very much.

A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. A Graveside Service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at Granby Cemetery (across from Granby Police/Town complex on North Granby Rd.). Calling hours will be held Friday, June 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Knight's name to the Nicholas Parenti Gofundme page https://gofund.me/739d6e4a. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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## Senatro, Mary (Marino)



Mary (Marino) Senatro passed to the Lord on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Mary always greeted you with a loving smile and welcoming hug. The message to her children was "be honest, kind, happy and have faith." She found pleasure in the morning coffee club, saying the rosary, reading, solving the word jumble, watching the daily mass, late afternoon

glass of wine, and heartfelt phone conversations. There was never anything more important to Mary than gathering with and supporting those she loved. Amazingly, she lived to 99 years of age and spirited to the end! Mary was the wife of the late Leo Senatro, mom to Cindy Senatro and Marylee (Senatro) Riccio, and "Mimi" to treasured granddaughter, Jacquelyn Riccio and partner, Dane Curry. A special thanks to Carmen Reyes for taking such good care of her at the end of a well-lived life. Mary will always be remembered.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Church of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. Attendees are asked to go directly to the church. Interment will follow the Mass at Rose Hill Memorial Park, 580 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to Rocky Hill Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 353, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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## Rivera, Ismael



Ismael "Ish" Rivera, 55, of West Simsbury, passed away in a tragic motorcycle accident on May 29, 2022. Born in Isabela, Puerto Rico, son of Filomena Cuevas and the late Adolfo Rivera, he also lived in the Bronx, before eventually moving to Hartford where he grew up with his mother and ten siblings.

attended Public High School, where he met and later married his high school sweetheart, Linda (Garcao), who he was married to for 32 years. He received his bachelor's from SCŚU, master's from CCSU,

and was currently working towards master's +60 at the American College of Education. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps Reserve, and served during Operation Desert Storm. He received the honor of the most physically fit marine in his platoon. Ish was a Special Education teacher for 29 years at the Consolidated School District of New Britain. He was at Slade Middle School for 16 years, and most recently taught at DiLoreto. He touched the lives of many of his students and was able to guide and forever change their life trajectory.

their life trajectory.
Ish was a loving husband, father and friend. His children were a source of great pride and happiness to him. He will forever be remembered for his fun loving personality. He was kind and caring and quick to offer a hand to a friend in need. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed working outside, golfing, kayaking, fishing, hiking and cycling. He loved traveling and family vacations to OBX, Portugal and Puerto Rico. He also loved cooking and was happiest sharing a meal with his family. A sports enthusiast, no one was better than his New York Yankees and Giants

family. A sports enthusiast, no one was petter than his New York Yankees and Giants.
Besides his wife, he is survived by his family: son, Alec John Rivera of Brookline MA; daughter, Lauren Marie Rivera of NYC; mother, Filomena Rivera; brothers, Eli and wife Lourdes, Jesus and wife Catherine, Luis and wife Barbara, David and Hector; sisters, Haydee, Mirta, wife Barbara, David and Hector; sisters, Haydee, Mirta, Miriam & husband Efrain; sisters-in-law, Maria and husband Bill Gallagher, and Isabel and husband Bob Tynik. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Adolfo Rivera, and brothers, Wilson, Miguel and Jose. Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 4th at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM closing with a memorial service at 3:30 PM. Donations in his memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. P.O. Box

may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675. Please visit Ish's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online

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## **Cunningham, Scott**



Scott Earnest Cunningham May 31, 1950 - May 30, 2022

Son of Robert and Barbara Cunningham, Scott Earnest Cunningham was born and raised in Tenafly, New Jersey. He graduated from Tenafly High School in 1968, where he was talented at math, receiving a nearly perfect score on his SATs. He played trombone

in his youth and was an avid music lover. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Lake Forest College in Illinois in 1972, and his Master's degree from Western New England College. He lived many years in North Granby, CT and Bradenton, FL.

After college, he began working at United Technologies Aerospace Systems up until his retirement from Hamilton Sundstrand in 2013. Through his work, he traveled around the world, and was known as a great softball player with the company team. He cared deeply about the people he worked with. Additionally, he coowned and operated Antiques on the Farmington, and considered the vendors part of his extended family.

Scott was a hard worker who did it all for his loved ones, and loved to party and play with family and friends. He helped to keep the ever expanding family together through annual family trips to Cape Cod. He also kept family traditions around Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Easter, and Christmas, where he would go over the top with fine foods and was almost always transing the grill. running the grill.

He leaves his wife Elaine Cunningham; children Ian and Felicia Cunningham, Rachel and Kirk Brightly, Geoffrey and Ellen Rose Cunningham, step daughters Leesa and Thomas Huff, Stefanie and Eric Hein, grandchildren Nekearel, Amelia, Vena, Janel, and Dean Brightly, Silas and Isaac Cunningham, Chad and Sophie Huff, Mackenzie and Brooke Hein, great grandson Kaeleb Clarke, brother Mark Cunningham and Silvia Mestres, sisters Amy Porter, Laurie Cunningham and Ruth and Mario Caban, brother-in-law Alan and Jeanne Berman, sister-in-law Helene Sheehan, first wife Jane Stone, and sister-in-law Helene Sheehan, first wife Jane Stone, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family is inviting family and friends to a grave-side service on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Cutler Family Cemetery, 155 Hurlbut Street, West Hartford, CT 06110 with an after service Celebration of Life gathering at the Elmwood Community Center, Laurel Hall, Room 29-211, 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110.

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## Erlacher, Sr., Carl R.



Carl R. Erlacher, Sr., 82, of Middletown, husband of the late Joan (Rajtar) Erlacher, died Monday May 30, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital. He was born in Hartford, the son of the late Karl and Tessie M. (Kitzinger) Erlacher. Carl served with the US Air Force and later with the Army National Guard. He was employed with the State of CT for over 38 years, retiring as a standards engineer for the Purchasing Department. Carl is survived by his son, Carl Erlacher, Ir and his wife Kristia of

Carl Erlacher, Jr. and his wife Kristie of Middletown; daughter, Heidi Erlacher and her partner Christine Donahue of Boston, MA; brother, Richard Erlacher and his wife, Barbara of GA; sister, Brenda Nobile and her husband, Richard of Cromwell; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Jolie Erlacher. His Funeral Liturgy will be held Saturday (June 4, 2022) at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of Czestochowa Ćhurch, S. Main St., Middletown. Burial, with military honors, will be in Calvary Cemetery, Middletown. Friends may call at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown, on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to The Home for Little Wanderers or Wounded Warrior Project. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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## Melley, Patricia Dewell



Patricia Dewell Melley, who was ageless, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2022 surrounded by her children. She was the loving wife of the late John V. Melley. Born and raised in the south end of Hartford to Mary (Harrigan) Dewell and George Dewell, she was a proud graduate of Bulkeley High, Class of 1949. She and her handsome hus-

band John settled down in West Hartford where they raised their four children and enjoyed wonderful times with family and friends. Pat was a terrific entertainer, decorator and style icon to her granddaughters. She loved being at her Pink House in Narragansett especially when it was overflowing with family. And she loved Christmas Eve (as we all do!)

Pat and John were blessed with what they called The Dinner Party Group, Eileen and Gerry Russo, Mary Ann and Pete Renehan, Maureen and Joe Hallisey, Marge and Joe McMahon, Sheila and Al Dumeer, Oz and Anita Stack. They were lifelong sisters.

Pat is survived by her children, John and Maryanne Melley, Michael and Kristina Melley, Mary and Scott Stauffer and Tricia and Chris Nelson, all of West Hartford much to their mother's happiness. She is also survived by her grandchildren, her beautiful talking dolls and her two princes, Caitlin Melley, Sarah (Jeff) Jaksina, Glennis Melley (Mike Mackey), Caroline Melley Meehan (Sean), Meaghan Melley, Will Stauffer (Kara Donovan), Maria Stauffer Pollard (Marty), Annie Stauffer, Genevieve Nelson, Harry Nelson, and Fiona Nelson. Additionally she was thrilled to have two perfect great grandsons, John and Ben Jaksina. Pat is also survived by her brother Michael and her sister-in-law Mary Lou Melley, as well as her loving nieces and nephews whom she adored. She was predeceased by her sister and brother Coreen and Peter and her Melley in-laws. They all had so much fun together.

Her family will receive friends on Sunday, June 5th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford. A memorial mass will be held the following day, Monday, June 6th at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford at 11:00 am. Burial will be private. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

If you wish to make a donation in her honor, please consider The National Federation of the Blind.



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## **OBITUARIES**

## Meyer, Josephine M.



Josephine M. (Tolisano) Meyer, 94, of West Simsbury, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday November 27, 2021. Born in Hartford on March 28, 1927, the daughter of the late, Ambrose F. and Martha M. (Koivinen) Tolisano. Josephine was raised in Crystal Lake and was a graduate of Rockville High School. Josephine's career included various stops

along the way. She was a bookkeeper, she worked for the Simsbury School System and was a very dedicated nanny over the years. In her earlier years Josephine was a very talented roller-skater and gardener, she was was a very talented roller-skater and gardener, she was also an avid Red Sox fan, knitter, lover of John Wayne Westerns, traveling, trips to Mohegan Sun Casino and listening to Frank Sinatra. Additionally, she loved animals especially her cat, Sheba. Most notably she was a loving mother and loyal to her friends. She is survived by her children; Kathleen A. D'Arche of Farmington, Robert J. D'Arche Jr. of Bristol, Philip J. D'Arche of Avon, her sister-in-law; Irene Tolisano of Ellington and her brother in law; Baymand D'Arche of Vermont and Avon, her sister-in-law; Irene Tolisano of Ellington and her brother-in-law; Raymond D'Arche of Vermont and many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; Ambrose and Martha Tolisano, her first husband Robert D'Arche Sr., her second husband; Martin Meyer, her siblings; James Tolisano, Philip Tolisano and Emily Hadden and her daughter-in-law Pamela D'Arche. A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Josephine will take place on Friday, June 3rd at 10 AM at the Church of St. Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Josephine's memory may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, CT Chapter, 659 Tower Avenue, 1st Floor, Hartford, CT 06112 or the Lymphoma Research Foundation, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine Street, Suite 2400, New York, NY 10005. For condolences or directions please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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## Desrochers, Rita (Roux)



Rita (Roux) Desrochers, 92, formerly of Berlin, passed away on Thursday, May 26, 2022. She was the widow of Bertrand Desrochers who died

Born in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late Norbert and Anna (Roberge) Rita was a Berlin resident most of her life. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin, as well as a member of Ladies Guild. She was also a member of St. Jean de Baptiste

Society in New Britain. Rita was predeceased by her son, James Desrochers,

and a grandson, Justin Desrochers. Surviving a daughter-in-law, Christine Desrochers of Kensington; two daughters, Laura McQueeney and her husband Jon McQueeney of Summerfield, FL, and Diane Rode of East Haddam and former son-in-law Gary Rode. Also, four grandchildren, Evan Desrochers, Charles Desrochers, Nicholas McQueeney and Cole Rode; two great-grandchildren, Arroyo Desrochers and Violet

Desrochers; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on June 7, 2022 at 11:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin. Burial, with her husband, will be in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown at a later date. There are no calling hours. Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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## Lancia, Melissa M.



Melissa Marie Lancia, 53, loving wife of Anthony Robert Lancia Jr., passed away peacefully in her home on May 29th, 2022 after a lengthy battle with metastatlengthy battle with metastatic breast cancer. Born in New Milford, CT on October 2, 1968, she was the daughter of John and Marion Polmon. Melissa graduated Post College in 1988 on the Deans List and went on to work as a Premium Services Analyst

List and went on to work as a Premium Services Analyst at Aetna for 7 years before moving on to The Mattabassett District. There she would finish out her career as an office supervisor for 26+ years. Throughout her life, Melissa excelled in dance, gymnastics, and cheerleading competing in both her middle and high school years. Her love for the sport led her to coach cheerleading for Saint Pius X Church Basketball Cheer Team. Her passion for dance continued as well as she danced at The Dancer's Image with her daughter Alissa for several years. While she no longer danced, in the years to come she would play an active role during Alissa's time on the Middletown High School Dance Team as a Booster Club mom. Melissa is survived by two children, daughter Alissa (Lancia) Rossley and her husband Michael Rossley, and son Ryan Lancia and his husband Michael Rossley, and son Ryan Lancia and his fiancée Brittney Dorflinger; two grandchildren, Lucy Rossley (2) and Georgia Rossley (1); sister Lori and her husband Kevin Kastelein, sister Keli Geer and her husband Anthony Crecco; brother John Polmon Jr and his wife Amy; and many nieces and nephews. Melissa was predeceased by maternal grandparents Patricia and Wilbur Disbrow; paternal grandparents John and Ann Polmon; and in-laws Anthony Robert Lancia Sr. and Marguerite Lancia. Melissa's family would like to extend many thanks to Melissa's medical team who was by her side throughout her courageous battle. Thank you to Dr. Harold Burstein (Oncologist) at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Georgia Dangel (Oncology NP), Kelly A Leonard (Oncology NP), Dr. Michelle Gadd (Oncology Surgeon), Dr. Rifaquat Musaffa Rahman (Radiation Oncology), Dr. Wenya Bi (Neurosurgeon), Jeannine S and Deborah D (Infusion Therapy RNs), Dr. Kristen Donato (PCP, DO), and Dr. Canditto Carroccia (Family Chiropractor). Melissa was a ray of sunshine whose warm heart touched the lives of many. If you knew Melissa you know that you couldn't help but be drawn in by her strength and compassion for others. May she continue to have an impact on us all as her legacy lives on. In remembrance of Melissa's life, charitable donations can be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, Connecticut Region. Her Funeral Liturgy will be held on Monday (June 6, 2022) at 11:30 a.m. at St. Pius X Church, 310 Westfield St., Middletown. Burial will be at a later date at the convenience of her family. A Celebration of Life will be held following the mass at The Pavilion on Crystal Lake, 144 Prout Hill Rd., Middletown. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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## Mozzochi, Jr., Michael J.



Michael J. Mozzochi Jr., 87, passed away at home on May . 26th, 2022. Born on December 3rd, 1934 in Trumbull, CT, he is the son of the late Michael J. Mozzochi, Sr. and Gladys (Park) Mozzochi.

Michael grew up in New Haven, Connecticut with his parents and younger brother Don. After graduating from Notre Dame High School, he

attended Lafayette College in Easton, PA. There he made cherished memories first as a member and then as the President of the Zeta Psi fraternity. He graduated in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and went on to become a General Contractor with Cosgrove Construction Co. It was then that he met his beautiful wife, Deanna "Dee" (Donnell) Mozzochi, a flight attendant for TWA in New York City. They married in 1962 and shared 59 wonderful years together raising

their family and traveling the world.

Mike was a wonderful storyteller and loved to share stories from their many adventures. For years, Mike and Dee traded the cold New England winters for Effie's Cottage on their favorite Caribbean island, Saba. There they found a second community full of the storyte factors. cherished friends. Mike was an avid boater and spent many summer days exploring the New England coast at the helm of his boat, first the Conch Queen and then the Drambuie, with his closest friends and family along for the ride.

Mike was a charter member of the Clinton JCs, served as chairman of the Clinton Water Pollution Control Commission, and a member of the Operating Engineers CT Local 479. He was also Commodore of the

Menunketesuck yacht club.

Above all else, Mike enjoyed spending time with his family, whether it be in Richmond seeing Sue and Buddy or driving to Michael's house to greet the girls as they came home from school. Mike was also a staple as they came home from school. Mike was also a staple at all the girls' sporting events throughout the years everyone knew Papa Mike. Nothing made Mike happier than having everyone over to his house in Westbrook for a day of fun on the water and a sunset cookout. Mike will be greatly missed by his beloved wife Dee. He is also survived by his children, Michael J. Mozzochi III and wife Diane (Niskanen) Mozzochi of Clinton, CT, Susan (Mozzochi) Lee and husband Robert Lee of Chesterfield VA as well as his brother Donald

of Chesterfield, VA, as well as his brother Donald Mozzochi and wife Marcia (McGuirk) Mozzochi of Redding, CA. Memories of "Papa Mike" are cherished by his grandchildren, Kristen (Mozzochi) Sageser and husband Andrew Sageser, Sarah Mozzochi, Kathryn Mozzochi and great grandchildren Logan and Emma Sageser.

The family wishes to thank all the healthcare providers who provided Michael with excellent care, specifically nurse Claudia, occupation therapist Michelle, physical therapist Collin, Dr. Hartnett and staff at the Middlesex Hospital Wound Center, and Sierra.

Calling hours will be held Friday, June 3rd from 5pm-8pm at Swan Funeral Home located at 80 E. Main Street, Clinton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 11:00am at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation located at 54 Grove Street, Clinton. A burial will follow immediately after at St. Mary's Cemetery on Beach Park Road.

Donations may be made in his name to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation https://secure.qgiv.com/for/pulfib fou/?ga=2.43577957.1933489615.

1654021387-900056883.1654021387 or to the Office of Westbrook Visiting Nurses: Checks can be mailed to: Westbrook Visiting Nurses and Public Health, 866 Boston Post Road, P.O Box #281, Westbrook CT 06498.

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

**In Loving Memory Of** 

Although it's been fifteen years since you were called away from us, we still miss your positive coaching and continuous encouragement. The flowers in your gardens remain a beautiful reminder of the love and care you gave everyone and everything. Nobody loved is ever lost and you were loved so much. George and all the kids and their families.

## **In Loving Memory Of** KATHLEEN 'KAY' (TURNER) COTE



3/24/1937 - 5/25/2022

Kathleen 'Kay' (Turner) Cote, age 85, passed away peace fully on May 25, 2022. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Arthur Cote. The couple resided in Titusville, Florida for over 20 years after moving from Columbia, Connecticut when she retired from Hamilton Standard as a Final Inspec tor on Aircraft. She was predeceased by her daughter and son-in-law, Denise (Gates) Odom and Harold 'Obie' Odom as well as her son Alan Cote. She is survived by her children Rachel (Gates) Rarus, Thomas Gates, Wayne Gates, Ronald Cote, and Lynn (Cote) Jaworowski, 11 Grandchildren, 18 Great-Grandchildren, and 2 Great-Great Grandchildren. She will also be missed by her siblings, nieces, nephews and many countless friends. Her greatest accomplishment was being the matriarch of five generations, all who loved her dearly. She will be dearly missed.

## In Loving Memory Of PAUL J DEJOHN



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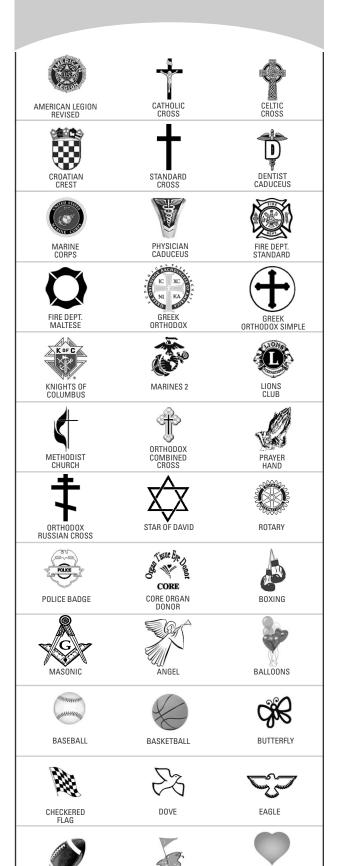
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## Experts: July 1 tax increase will hit consumers

By Keith M. Phaneuf

CT Mirror

Already reeling from skyrocketing national inflation, Connecticut consumers face a one-two punch beginning July 1 that threatens to make groceries and other basic goods even more expensive.

The Department of Revenue Services is expected within the next two weeks to announce a major increase in the state's diesel tax, effective July 1 and driven by wholesale fuel prices that have more than doubled over the past year.

And six months after that, the state will impose a new highway use tax on large commercial trucks that's expected to cost the industry \$90 million per year — an expense companies already have said will be passed onto Connecticut shoppers.

"It's going to tax Connecticut consumers at a point where they can least afford it," said DataCore Partners economist Donald Klepper-Smith, who was the state's chief economic advisor in the late 2000s under Gov. M. Jodi Rell.

The diesel tax hike stems from an annual adjustment the legislature established in 2007. When Gov. Ned Lamont proposed the highway use tax in February 2021 to support the state's transportation construction program, the Consumer Price Index showed low inflation of 1.4%.

Those moves were "not unreasonable"

when made, "but the timing is going to be brutal" when they strike consumers, said University of Connecticut economist Fred V. Carstensen. "Transportation costs are embedded in everything we buy. ... This is the one [tax] you can't escape."

The diesel fuel that powers most trucks

is taxed by the state following an annual formula that includes a fixed base and an adjustment that looks at average wholesale diesel prices over the prior year, as well as the tax rate applied to wholesale gasoline transactions.

Gov. Ned Lamont's administration, which must announce the new rate by June 15, hasn't done so yet. But the key variable the wholesale price of diesel — is not look-

Wholesale diesel prices at New Haven harbor hovered around \$2.23 per gallon during the first week of July 2021, according to the Connecticut Energy Marketers

By mid-May 2022, the wholesale price of diesel was about \$4.79 per gallon. The AAA reported an average retail price for diesel of nearly \$6.24 per gallon on Tuesday.

The diesel tax, which currently stands at 40.1 cents per gallon, has been as high over the past five years as 46.5 cents — where it stood in 2019. Industry experts say the latest conditions could produce a tax hike of more

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Kory Loucks-Powell, left, and husband John Loucks-Powell of Vancouver, Washington, visit First Church of Christ on Farmington's Freedom Trail in Farmington on Tuesday. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places and was where freed Amistad survivors and were welcomed. JESSICA HILL PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

## Mixing history, heritage

'The Odyssey of the Amistad' and enslaved Africans' trail to freedom gets new retelling

By Deidre Montague Hartford Courant

FARMINGTON — The Farmington Historical Society is launching "The Odyssey of the Amistad: A Trail to Freedom," a unique, live presentation looking back at Farmington's connection to the Amistad and the Mende people of modern-day Sierra Leone.

The Mende were captured against their will and brought aboard a ship called "La Kory Loucks-Powell reads over a Freedom Amistad," destined for Cuba, in 1839. The Trail marker in Farmington. prisoners revolted, took control of the

ship and sailed to Long Island, New York. The survivors were recaptured and sent to trial in Connecticut, where a two-yearlong appeal for freedom was granted. In March of 1841, the Mende were declared free and moved to Farmington, where they lived and worked for eight months, gaining funds for their return to Africa.

"It was one of the first civil rights cases in the United States,



and it took place right here in Connecticut," said storyteller, actor, speaker and activist Andre Keitt, the education and programming consultant and guide for the tour. "Our citizens really should understand that we played a big part in making sure that the outcome of that story was a positive one.

"We need to make sure that we push that story out there so people know, because a lot of times people didn't think slavery even happened in Connecticut. Not only did it happen, it was rampant."

The United States government didn't provide funds to send the Mende back to Africa, they had to raise

their own money, added Keitt.

"The abolitionists in Farmington not only helped them raise money along with Hartford and New Haven and different cities, but Farmington was the place that said we will house them,

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## **Family** fortifies search for baby formula

Quest to help their preemie turned into plan to aid others

By Pam McLoughlin Hartford Courant

Amid the nationwide baby formula shortage, community activist Tim Fraylon and his wife have had family members throughout the country desperately search for the type of baby formula their prematurely born infant daughter needs and Fraylon hit stores throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Now Fraylon is bringing help to other parents searching for formula with a "drop and swap" event in North Hartford Saturday because he realizes not everyone has a network of out-ofstate relatives and the ability to drive hundreds of miles.

This week's event will be held Saturday, June 4 at 75 Sterling St. from noon to 3 p.m. and will include diapers.

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Tim Fraylon holds his daughter, Riyah Primrose Cuffie-Fraylon, who requires a specific type of formula that hasn't been easy to find amid the nationwide shortage. **CONTRIBUTED** 

## Aetna to provide state worker health insurance

Company wins contract for lower-cost plan, cutting into Connecticut's sizable public debt

**By Stephen Singer** Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - A contractwith Aetna to become the state's Medicare Advantage administrator for the state health plan that will save \$400 million over three years is another blow against Connecticut's sizable debt, Gov. Ned Lamont said Wednesday.

The state faces daunting challenges to reduce long-term debt bonded for capital projects, unfunded pensions and other benefits. Lamont, seeking a second term this November, used a news conference outside the state office building to announce the welcome cost savings.

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**ELECTION 2022** 

## 'Ned Lasso' political style defining race for governor

By Mark Pazniokas CT Mirror

Connecticut voters are worried. Going into the summer, nearly 60% believe they are worse off financially than a year ago. That's a challenge for any governor seeking reelection, even one who models himself, only half-jokingly, after the preternaturally positive TV character Ted Lasso.

Gov. Ned Lamont played the Lasso comparison for laughs at a holiday business breakfast in December. But the goofy, infectious optimism of the fictional soccer coach resonates with the governor who still marvels at being in a game where some people root for failure.

"I just started running with [it]. Let's face it, this was a state that was so down on itself," said Lamont, a Democrat from Greenwich. He dropped his voice an octave and mockingly said, "You know, 'Last one out, turn out the lights. Chronic fiscal crisis."

The whole "Ned Lasso" thing, of course,

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than 10 cents per gallon, if wholesale prices remain on

We fully expect a significant increase in what the tax will look like," said Chris Herb, president and CEO of the marketers association, who added that the late-February Russian invasion of Ukraine only pushed escalating oil prices even higher. 'We're surging into the [diesel tax] recalculation."

"We call it the perfect storm when you have these types of situations," said Michael Fox, executive director of the Connecticut-based Gasoline & Automotive Service Dealers of America, commonly known as GASDA.

The association, which represents roughly 500 gas stations in Connecticut, is bracing for a diesel tax hike that could have "a huge negative impact on deliveries into our state," Fox said.

## Diesel tax increase will find a way to consumers

Don't look for Connecticut's trucking companies or supermarkets to absorb those added fuel costs. Both industries already are struggling with staffing shortages worsened by the coronavirus pandemic.

John Pruchnicki, co-owner of Coastal Carriers of Connecticut, a small trucking company in Ansonia, says he's been forced to turn down business because of a lack of drivers.

"I'm always short 10 to 15% [on staff] on a regular basis," he said.

At times, during the worst of the pandemic, two or three drivers would be unavailable each week because of illness or the need to quarantine.

"A lot of people have reevaluated their life" since then, Pruchnicki added.

Connecticut's supermarkets and grocery stores also are grappling with low staffing, as well as rising wholesale costs for beef, pork and other staples, said Wayne Pesce, president of the Connecticut Food Association.

"We're spiraling right here," said Pesce, whose association represents about 250 stores. "That tax on diesel fuel is going to hurt. It gets passed right on."

But that's just the first hit household budgets face.

## Highway use tax adds \$90M to annual costs

The second one comes Jan. 1, when a highway use tax begins on large commercial trucks, excluding dairy vehicles. Per-mile rates, based on a vehicle's weight, range from 2.5 cents to 17.5 cents.

Joe Sculley, president of the Motor Transport Association of Connecticut, said the impact will be more severe than that of the diesel tax hike.

The entire diesel tax —

not just one rate increase generated about \$115 million in each of the previous two fiscal years, according to the revenue services department's annual report.

The legislature's nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis estimates this new highway use will generate \$90 million annually.

"It's going to make things more expensive in Connecticut," added Sculley, whose organization represents more than 500 trucking and trucking-related businesses. "I don't see how anyone could dispute that."

## Spiking fuel costs becoming campaign issue

Herb, Sculley and Fox all are urging Lamont and the legislature to call a special session this summer or fall to suspend the diesel tax hike and repeal the highway use fee.

Řep. Holly Cheeseman of East Lyme, ranking House Republican on the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, said the GOP minority in both chambers backed both options earlier this spring before the regular 2022 General Assembly session adjourned on May 4.

Though debates about truck mileage taxes and diesel fuel can seem technical, they boil down to extra costs on groceries, clothing and other basic goods no household can avoid.

"At the end of the day. the person who is going to be footing the bill for this is the Connecticut taxpayer," Cheeseman said. "These are not optional extras. It's a tax hike on the goods ... without which the average person cannot exist."

"Connecticut is already a tax disaster, and this makes it even worse," added Madison Republican Bob Stefanowski, Lamont's opponent in the 2022 gubernatorial race. "A tax hike on diesel adds to the sky-high Biden/Lamont inflation, increasing the cost of food and consumer goods. Enough is enough. The governor should have done more to prevent this and to help struggling families."

But Lamont's communications director, Max Reiss, said the Republican call to ease diesel taxes came only after lawmakers from both parties had already compromised in late March on a plan to suspend the 25-cents-pergallon retail tax on regular gasoline from April through June. It later was extended through Nov. 30.

Lamont, a Democrat, proposed the highway use tax to help stabilize the state's long-term transportation construction program after legislators from both parties rejected his proposals to install electronic tolling on highways.

But when he pitched the highway use fee in February 2021, the national inflation rate was 1.4%. The Consumer Price Index has been over 8% throughout the spring.

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we will take care of them until they've raised all the money," he said.

Jay Bombara, president of the Farmington Historical Society, said the racial reckoning taking place nationally over the past couple years helped the society realize the organization needed to rethink its original educational tour.

Quite frankly, a lot of what we're all observing nationally, as well as to some extent locally, (is) about the concern of making sure that all diverse voices are being heard," he said. "And a realization ... to make sure that we're focused not iust on the story of those that helped them, but the actual people who experienced this traumatic event of being kidnapped in their homeland, went through the Middle Passage, and then they went through the trauma of the experience on the other side of being jailed

Black Lives Matter protests were going on all across the country as Farmington Historical Society board member Sara Willet was writing the new program. She said it was just so painful and upsetting, she realized that the society needed to do more and talk about the things that are really uncomfortable to talk about. She was determined to give Black perspectives.

"It's been very hard, writing this was hard. What was even harder was giving [this] tour to fifth graders, and saying it out loud," Willet said. "It's one thing to write it down. It's a different thing to say these things out loud, and admit that this is true. It [has] felt very uncomfortable. To know that my church, that there were people in Farmington and there were people in my church back then, who believed these things, who believed that there was nothing wrong with slavery or believed in colonization, or thought that that was a

good choice, who felt that Black people should be in segregated seating, it's been very uncomfortable, and rightly so. It needs to be."

Until the society brought in Keitt and heard from other points of view, Willet said she didn't think the society was doing the work that needed to be done. Bombara agreed, knowing it was important to give a platform to those who really hadn't been heard. It is Keitt's experience as a storyteller and activist that is helping to provide that voice.

"I can speak through empathy, because I am Black myself. So, it is not somebody telling me how Blacks may have felt. It is somebody like me who's saying, not only do I feel like that in [the] modernday world, I feel like I may be one of the visitors on the planet or in this state that's trying to experience and do better in my life. I'm dealing with some of the same circumstances that they had to deal with back then?

Keitt is determined to give

that share the heritage of the Mende.

"Some of what happened to them, on a smaller scale, has happened to somebody like me. I think my whole revisiting Farmington to retell the story is almost like the journey that the Amistad Mende went on, as they ended up in Farmington, but they eventually did get back home. I was in Farmington. I wasn't able to tell that story, but fate has made it so that I [could] come back. ... I believe that this was my destiny to tell this story, and I think it's best told through the eyes and purview of a person who shares that heri-

The tours, which start this weekend, will take place from 10-11:30 a.m. most Fridays and Saturdays from June through October. All tours meet at the First Church of Christ, Congregational at 75 Main St., Farmington. Tours cost \$15 per adult and \$8 per child with discounts available for senior groups and

the perspective of people school groups.

their bids to place higher,

state officials said. CVS Chief Executive Officer Karen Lynch cited Aetna's presence in Hartford dating to 1853 as she celebrated the deal. CVS Health bought Aetna in 2018 for \$69 billion, disappointing many in Hartford and the state as the insurer lost its independence and became a subsidiary of the Woonsocket, R.I.-based

"Serving Connecticut's retirees builds on our nearly two-century relationship with the state, where thousands of CVS Health employees call home," she said.

The contract will be effective Jan. 1, 2023.

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The contract that Aetna won in a competitive bid covers 57,000 Medicare-eligible retirees and their dependents and is estimated to reduce the state's unfunded liability by \$7.5 billion. Medicare Advantage is a popular health insurance plan that provides Medicare benefits through a private sector health insurer.

Lamont said he's been "fixated" on fixed costs, such as debt hindering economic growth that he compared to "running the road race with cement overshoes." The state is paying down pension obligations and is spending less as a percentage of the budget on bonded debt, he said.

"One place where we

were having a little bit of trouble was health care costs," the governor said. "We don't have as much control over health care

He said his administration has reduced bonded indebtedness and pensions "and as of today we made big progress when it comes to health care costs."

Connecticut faces \$30 billion in bonded debt and \$23 billion to \$25 billion in unfunded pension obligations, the governor said. Other post-employment benefits face a liability of \$23.5 billion, which will be reduced by the agreement with Aetna. He called that a "red flag" because it stood out among other debt totals that have been declining.

The state last November reported total debt of \$95.4 billion, which has been declining.

We have a long way to go. Don't understate that, but we made progress," Lamont said.

The agreement must still be negotiated with Aetna, the Hartford-based health insurance subsidiary of CVS Health Corp. It ensures that retirees covered by the state health plan "will continue to receive the care they need," state Comptroller Natalie Braswell said.

Retirees will pay Aetna a premium of \$175 a month, down from more than \$320 a month, state officials said.

The state used a reverse auction process, with each bidding company scored and ranked across several categories, including pricing and service commitments. After each round of scoring, the companies had an opportunity to improve

To pick up formula people must bring a birth certificate or a baby, Iovino said. The idea is that parents who don't have enough formula can pick some up or they can search for a special kind

There also will be a diaper giveaway, since they are expensive and not covered by benefits, Iovino said.

bunch of formulas other than the ones ideal for his daughter, Riyah Primrose Cuffie-Fraylon, that he donated. Fraylon said the "drop and swap" model will be ongoing at different locations and as it all evolves, there may be collaboration with other Hartford neighborhoods.

Fraylon said he's relieved Riyah will be 6 months old next month and able to eat cereal so she won't need as much formula.

Experts said recently that low-income families have been disproportionately affected by the shortage. Parents who rely on the federal Women, Infants and Children nutrition assistance program face limits on brands and types of formula and the retailers where they can purchase those products.

If low-income parents do happen upon formula, they are less likely to be able to purchase a little extra,

'If you are in a situation where you have limited resources available to you, even searching for formula and looking around or getting formula online [is difficult]. You're definitely leaving folks further behind," Tiffany Donelson, president and CEO of the Connecticut Health Foundation, said recently.

## Governor

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is double-edged.

Ted Lasso is an American football coach hired by a British soccer team with the expectation of failure. The premise is that it's possible to succeed by inspiring others, by finding the right people and letting them grow, and being open to suggestions - even if the coach is pretty much clueless about the game.

"I found people really wanted to believe in the state," Lamont said. "We had to give people something to believe in. You start with getting your fiscal house in order. You start with young people moving back in the state. You work with some new jobs and hopefully that compounds on each other."

The state's strong balance sheet will allow the Lamont administration later this summer to send out nearly \$170 million in tax rebates and other payments, the largest election-year outpouring of one-time relief since tax rebates were issued under the name of Republican Gov. John G. Rowland in 1998.

Lamont spoke during an interview in his office late last week, when he had his typical full public schedule. His voice was slightly hoarse. He is a daily presence before the press, preferring official events promoting policy initiatives or new laws to overt campaigning.

His Republican challenger, Bob Stefanowski, was in COVID-19 isolation after testing positive on May 23, exactly a week before Memorial Day.

"I wish Bob the very best," Lamont said after the news broke during a visit to Sikorsky, a Lasso-like gesture. "I've been through this. I think probably the majority of Connecticut people have been through it whether they know it or not. Take it easy for a few days. You'll be back on the trail."

Challengers, by necessity, are in the business of finding fault with the status quo. The trick is to tap into voter discontent without being relentlessly negative. In a news conference the week before his COVID diagnosis, Stefanowski showed signs of trying to find the right way to come at Lamont and his opti-

"I do think we should be very, very optimistic about the future of Connecticut,' Stefanowski said. "We've got incredible people, we've got a great location, we've got a history and culture that most states, quite honestly, would die to have. We've got amazing, amazing opportunities."

The Lasso-like pitch took a quick pivot.

"But I also think you've got to be realistic. And optimism without facts behind it is dangerous," Stefanowski said. "And as a leader, I think vou start to lose some credibility if you don't level with people and face the facts."

Stefanowski paints Ned Lamont in the same light as the patronizing competitors see Ted Lasso: A nice guy hopelessly out of his depth.

And in fairness, he's tried his best. I get it," Stefanowski said, standing outside the state Capitol. "He's not here today. But I assume he comes in every day and tries his best. But you simply can't go from running a 100-person cable company. That's what he ran, a cable company with 100 people and a several million dollar budget. You simply cannot go from that to a 50,000-employee operation with a \$45 billion biennial budget. You can't do it. It wasn't fair to ask him to do it. He doesn't have the skill set."

Stefanowski's press conference, the first since winning the GOP endorsement, came on a day when Lamont was in New London greeting Vice President Kamala Harris, the commencement speaker at the Coast Guard Academy. Stefanowski is expected to increase his interactions with the press.

Stefanowski is the former chief executive officer of DFC Global, a payday loan company with about 5,000 employees.

Lamont has taken an unconventional approach to hiring. He hired a tech entrepreneur and former IBM executive to overhaul hiring and purchasing at the Department of Administrative Services and an information-technology executive from Aetna to put

more Department of Motor Vehicles functions online.

His commissioner of public health is a former Yale doctor who had criticized his refusal to close restaurants for a second time when COVID spiked. Mark Boughton, a former Republican mayor and gubernatorial candidate whom Lamont befriended during the 2018 campaign, is his commissioner of revenue services.

"I don't want to be surrounded by a bunch of yes men." he said.

Lamont's approach to Stefanowski rarely involves a lunge for the jugular. He prefers jabs — some gentle, some not.

"We're two very different cats. Obviously he's ready to attack and loves to attack, and that goes back to his very first primary," Lamont said.

Endorsed by the NRA four years ago, Stefanowski issued a statement last week saying he would not do anything to weaken Connecticut's strong gun laws, including the one passed in response to the Sandy Hook school shooting. Lamont was asked to say if Stefanowski had flipflopped, an invitation he politely declined.

"I'm glad that he's had a change of heart, I hope he doesn't have another change of heart," Lamont said. "Because you got to be consistent. You got to be clear. And I think you know where I stand when it comes to gun safety, in particular, keeping our kids safe in those schools."

His tone was sharper when asked about Stefanowski's criticism of the state's contract with Sema4, a company in which first lady Annie Lamont's venture capital firm, Oak HC/FT, is a minority investor. Only four of the 10 companies that responded to the state's request for testing proposals in the pandemic's early months were certified to do COVID-19 testing, Sema4 among them. The state contracted with all four.

"You wouldn't have done that deal? We were desperate, right? You were sending this [testing] shit out to California." Lamont said, his voice insistent and louder. "It was coming back a week later. There'd be eight more nursing homes that are on fire. Or you send it down to CDC. And they didn't have a clue."

Sema4 allowed the state to get test results within 48 hours, he said.

"Would you not have done that? Would you have let people wait?" Lamont said. "I think we saved a lot of lives by getting the best testing in the country in real time."

Stefanowski has said he wouldn't have done testing by Sema4 unless it "was the only one on Earth that could provide it."

Connecticut's 2022 gubernatorial race has certain echoes of 2014. Both involve Democratic incumbents engaged in a rematch with the Republican businessmen they defeated to win an

open seat. Lamont and Stefanowski faced each other in 2018 after Gov. Dannel P. Mallov declined to seek a third term. Malloy defeated Tom Foley, a Republican businessman, in 2010 and again in 2014.

Last week, a Quinnipiac poll showed differences and similarities in the rematches of 2014 and 2022.

Lamont is better positioned. While Malloy and Foley were tied in May 2014, Lamont leads Stefanowski. 51%-43%. Lamont has a favorable/unfavorable split of 50%-36%, compared 46%-45% for Malloy. Lamont's job approval is 52%-38%, compared to 48%-46% for Malloy. (Malloy never reached 50% in either.)

Only 44% of Connecticut voters said Malloy deserved reelection in May 2014. The same question was not asked about Lamont in last week's poll. Stefanowski's numbers are

eerily similar to Foley's. He is viewed favorably by 37%, unfavorably by 22%, and 38% had no opinion. Foley's numbers were nearly identical: 36% favorable, 23% unfavorable and 39% with no opinion.

A major difference in the political climate are two countervailing trends. To the plus side for Lamont, the state is in its third year of revenue growth, surpluses, and a fat rainy day fund. On the downside is the worst inflation in four decades that Stefanowski is branding as the "Lamont-Biden inflation."

Formula

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"It's definitely a scary time to know a mother, father or guardian can't get formula for their babies." Fraylon said. He said the price of gas and food are pressing issues, but, "This has to be a top priority."

The nationwide formula shortage is a consequence of pandemic-related supply chain challenges and a nationwide baby formula recall by Abbott Nutrition. Abbott closed its plant in Sturgis, Michigan, in February amid the recall after multiple infants fell ill with bacterial infections following their consumption of powdered baby formula. Abbott issued a statement saying there was no "conclusive evidence" connecting its formulas to the infant illnesses.

After attending a swap in another part of the city that was personally fruitful, Fraylon, co-founder of Unity Community Outreach Corporation and director of Food 4 U, enlisted the help of Joanna Iovino, program director of NELP Hartford, who wholeheartedly supported the idea. NELP Hartford (North End Little Panties) is an initiative of Food 4 U.

Iovino said she has some formula to give, but they can't put it in the regular food boxes at three locations because of possible thefts.

people knew about it and it was raining.

The "drop and "swap" is a great idea, she said, but the first one last Saturday was slow because not many

People from anywhere can show up for formula without dropping any off and in that case there's a two can limit. Or they can dropoff new, unopened formula, or drop off and pick up.

their child handles the best.

Fraylon said he had a

experts said.

## CONNECTICUT

## Driver charged with injuring motorcyclists held without bail

Associated Press

A driver who authorities say was under the influence of prescription medications when he veered into oncoming traffic on a Massachusetts road and crashed into a group of motorcycles, injuring nine people, is being held without bail.

Ryan O'Farrell, 32, of Westerly, Rhode Island, pleaded not guilty in Greenfield District Court on Tuesday to multiple charges, including nine counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and operating under the influence of drugs in connection with Sunday's crash on Route 10 in Northfield.

O'Farrell was driving a trailer-towing SUV south when he crossed a double yellow line and struck five motorcycles heading north, prosecutors said.

The motorcycles were among a group of nine from a Connecticut motorcycle club.

Nine people who were either operating or passengers on the motorcycles were hurt, and eight required hospitalization, prosecutors said. Three medical helicopters responded to the scene to take the most seriously injured to trauma hospi-

One suffered a broken pelvis, one is facing amputation, and one was in and out of consciousness as of Tuesday, prosecutor Jeremy Bucci said in court.

Two children, ages 11 and 12, in O'Farrell's vehicle were also taken to the hospital as a precaution.

O'Farrell had taken three prescription medications, all of which warn that drowsiness is a side effect, and his Connecticut driver's license had been suspended, Bucci said.

'He should not have been driving," Bucci said. "It is the Commonwealth's position that nothing short of incarcerating him would stop him from driving."

One of the children in O'Farrell's vehicle warned him he was driving erratically, Bucci said. O'Farrell's lawyer, Alan

Rubin, argued for low bail, citing his client's ability to

"He is incredibly remorseful for the injuries he caused," Rubin said.

## State Child Tax Rebate application period opens

Courant staff report

The application period for the 2022 Connecticut Child Tax Rebate opened on Wednesday.

The rebate, created as part of the budget bill that the governor signed into law in May, provides taxpayers with a state tax rebate of up to \$250 per child for a maximum of three children.

'We created this state tax rebate to give Connecticut families with children some additional relief," Gov. Ned Lamont announced in a release.

"I strongly urge all families who claimed at least one dependent child on their 2021 federal income tax return to submit an application as soon as possible so that this rebate can be sent to you with no

Here's how to find out if you qualify:

## Who is eligible?

Any Connecticut resident who claimed at least one dependent child 18 years old or younger on their 2021 federal income tax return may be eligible.

The following income guidelines must be met to receive the maximum rebate of \$250 per child, up to three children. Those with higher income rates may be eligible to receive a reduced rebate.

Single or married filing separately: \$100,000 or less.

Head of household: \$160.000 or less **Married filing jointly:** \$200.000 or less.

The Department of Revenue Services is also in the process of reaching out to more than 300,000 households who may meet eligibility requirements through informational postcards.

## What is the deadline?

Anyone seeking a rebate must apply to the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services by July 31.

This will allow qualified Connection residents to receive funds starting in late August.

## Where can I apply?

Visit portal.ct.gov/DRS and click the icon that says "2022 CT Child Tax Rebate."

## THEATER REVIEW



Kevin Ligon as Herr Schultz and Jennifer Smith as Fräulein Schneider in "Cabaret" at the Goodspeed Opera House through July 3. **DIANE SOBOLEWSKI** 

## Goodspeed delivers benign, bewildering, cowardly 'Cabaret'

**By Christopher Arnott** Hartford Courant

Life may be a cabaret, old chum, but life is what's lacking in the "Cabaret" at the Goodspeed Opera House

A calm "Cabaret" at the Goodspeed Opera House should not come as a shock. While many of the musicals that Goodspeed Musicals has workshopped at its festivals and Norma Terris Theater have been challenging, contemporary and cutting edge, the mainstays of the mainstage season are family-friendly classic musical fare. This bewildering benign "Cabaret' is strikingly similar to a decidedly non-horrific "Sweeney Todd" that the Goodspeed attempted in 1996.

This is the tamest, least objectionable, least menacing and thus most useless "Cabaret" imaginable. With some musicals, turning down the intensity makes sense, but when you're dramatizing a seismic shift in society, including the rise of the Nazi party and a revolutionary art movement, soft-pedaling isn't just a style

choice, it's insulting.
How wrong-headed is it? It takes a song designed to offend, "If You Could See Her," in which the Emcee professes his love for a dancing gorilla, and drops the gorilla costume in favor of making the lover a rag doll — which not only makes no sense but upholds hoary old subservient woman stereotypes. It takes numbers inspired by actual Berlin cabaret styles of the 1920s - intentionally odd, angular and Expressionistic — and renders them as if they were British or American flapper dances from musicals like "The Boyfriend" or "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

How are these cutesy foxtrots supposed to illustrate a country teetering out of control? Instead of continuing in the dire unsettled mood of pre-intermission, the opening of the second act is rousing and almost

The sets are colorful and clean, not seedy as you might expect. The band plays more like swinging jazz that Kurt Weill. There's nothing disorienting, in a show where disorientation is the main theme.

As you might expect, the Emcee here (Jelani Remy) isn't threatening

or leering. Dressed clownishly rather than creepily in a top hat and glittery vest, he's more like a regular Emcee hosting a variety show, except that in this version he doesn't even get the last word, wandering in and out of the proceeding with no pronounced purpose. Aline Mayagoitia's Sally Bowles has none of the recklessness that role requires. She's just brazen, not wild, and sings so sweetly and conventionally (in a role that 1998 revival decided should not be cast with a skilled vocalist, to demonstrate Sally's limitations and delusions as a cabaret performer) that the joke lines in "Don't Tell Mama" and the show's title song are close to incomprehensible and pack no punch.

Even the smaller roles are diminished. The chorus girls don't double as a band, as they're said to in the intro, and don't distinguish themselves as individuals, even though they're intro-

duced that way.

In this environment, which makes pre-war Germany seem unacceptably normal and civilized, the two settled older characters, Fräulein Schneider and Herr Schultz, strangely take on greater importance. With everyone subdued, Schneider and Schultz at least have a genuine love story to play out, and Jennifer Smith and Kevin Ligon give an old-school melodramatic musical comedy tone. Again, off-base for "Cabaret," but fun on its own terms.

Almost every famous musical has one version that dwarfs the rest One that is so resonant that all others either ape or try to consciously avoid. For most, from "Hello, Dolly!" to "Rent," it's the original Broadway production. For some like "Jesus Christ Superstar," there's isn't a single defining version. For "Cabaret," there are three, all equally imposing and influential: the original 1966 Broadway one with Joel Grev as the Emcee: the 1972 Bob Fosse film version which eschewed Robbin's vision for its own style; and the radical 1993 rethinking by London's Donmar Warehouse which led to the 1998 Broadway revival, both starring Alan Cumming and laying on the Nazi menace very

If the Goodspeed's lackluster version could be said to be in the thrall

of any of these three iconic, it would be the Fosse one, since permission was granted by the Fosse estate to recreate the choreography for a single song from the movie, "Mein Herr." The song originated in the movie and hadn't appeared in "Cabaret" previously, so using Fosse's original staging makes some sense. It's also an choice for several reasons: "Mein Herr" is not a particularly important song in terms of plot or character. Without the film's distinctive camera angle, it looks very different. On stage, it will mostly make you think of similar (and better) routines from Fosse's "Chicago." As you can imagine, a Fosse routine sticks out like a sore thumb amid all the serviceable though not spectacular dances staged by the show's main choreographer Lainie Sakakura. Despite being associated with just one number in the production, Bob Fosse gets by far the longest biographical blurb in the playbill.

The show this "Cabaret" hews closest to is the 1950s play this 1960s musical was based on, "I Am a Camera" by John Van Druten, a loose adaptation of Christopher Isherwood's novel "Goodbye to Berlin," which fictionalized Isherwood's adventures in Berlin during the social upheaval leading up to Nazi leadership and World War II. The various adaptations take liberties that push them in various storytelling directions. In "Cabaret," for instance, the male lead character. Cliff, is American and bisexual, rather than British and gay as Isherwood wrote.

This may be an unconvincing "Cabaret," a clipped-wings "Cabaret," but it's still recognizable as "Cabaret," and the choices it makes based on the show's history and traditions are interesting even if the exercise as a whole is misguided. A "Cabaret" that doesn't shock, dismay or inform is one big "Why bother?"

Cabaret runs through July 3 at the Goodspeed Opera House, 6 Main St., East Haddam. Performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30-\$81. goodspeed.org.

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## Music, food lineups set for Hartford Taste Festival

**By Susan Dunne** Hartford Courant

The Hartford Taste Festival, a celebration of the city's restaurants and cultural diversity, will take place June 10 and 11, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day, in Constitution Plaza.

Thirty restaurants will set up tents, each offering a few items from their menus. Guests pay with tokens, purchased at another tent. No cash or cards are accepted at the food tents. At the end of each day, the restaurants will turn in their tokens, take 75% of the proceeds and donate the other 25% to Foodshare Connecticut.

Participating restaurants from Hartford are Woodn-Tap, Bear's Smokehouse BBQ, Ital Juicery, La Flor Mix Kitchen, Fornarelli's, Jamaican Jerk Shack, Juiced Up, Greenway Market, Ranch House Pizza, Terraza Latina, No Pork On Dis Fork, More Than Just Lobster 2, The Corner Cafe, Four Dad's Pub, The Republic, The Place 2 Be, Dunkin', Aurora's, Fire N' Spice, Disheveled Diva, Hartford Flavor Company, Poke Sushi and

Thomas Hooker Brewery.

Also attending are Huasteca of Windsor; Perfect Poundcakes of East Hartford; Cora Cora, Bert's Pizzeria, Frida and JAR Bar of West Hartford; and NoRA Cupcake of Middletown.

"Bringing fun and activity and joy back needs to be the center of recovery ... for the community as a whole," Mayor Luke Bronin said. "We need to be alive with that this summer."

The Hartford Taste Festival is presented by The Hartford. Nineteen musical acts will perform on two stages, presented by Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

## JUNE 10 MUSICAL LINEUP: **Clocktower Stage**

12:15 to 1 p.m.: The Sawtelles

1:15 to 2 p.m.: Tracy

Walton 3 to 4 p.m.: Tang Sauce

5 to 6 p.m.: The Miles Elliot Experience 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.: Among

the Acres 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Jake Kulak

Fountain Stage 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.:

6 to 6:45 p.m. Jah Marley

Sean O'Reilly

7:45 to 8:30 p.m.: Tenaya

## JUNE 11 MUSICAL LINEUP: **Clocktower Stage**

12:15 to 1 p.m.: Jessie Scott 1:15 to 2 p.m.: ArleneWow! 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.: Audio

5 to 6 p.m. Jeff Burnham 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.: Nekita

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.: The Penniless Wild

## Fountain Stage

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.: Tracy Norkun

4:15 to 5 p.m.: Ellen Redman 6 to 6:45 p.m.: Kierstin

Sieser 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.: Joey

**Batts** Stanley Black & Decker will give free tours of its Manufacturing 4.0, a 23,000-squarefoot workspace that focuses on advanced manufacturing

technologies such as robotics. A cooking contest will be held, sponsored by Whole Foods, on June 11 from 2 to 3 p.m., with competitors Chion Wolf of WNPR, the Rev. Lydell Brown of 224 EcoSpace and Jim Kane of Webster Bank, Geoff Gardner, principle culinary manager of Whole Foods,



Hartford Tang Sauce will perform June 10 at Hartford Taste. FILE PHOTOS



The Penniless Wild will perform June 11 at Hartford Taste.

will judge.

A Cigar Lounge, by Up in Smoke of Cromwell, will be on the premises. Dunkin' will give out free samples of its new products. A charging

station will be available. Pets are welcome.

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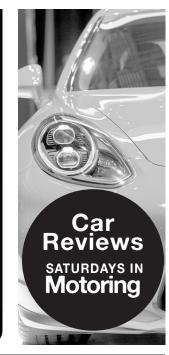


Haitian cuisine, including fried pork griot, tasso beef, pikliz and Haitian-style plantains, are sold at La Flor Mix Kitchen. The Hartford restaurant is one of dozens that will participate in Hartford Taste.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated May 27, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Marge B. Calltharp, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Joan Bennett c/o PETER C HARVEY, PETER C. HARVEY, 895 INDIAN HILL ROAD, ORANGE, CT

June 2, 2022 7223538

## TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the fol-

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At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written testimony received. This application is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Planner.

Alice Kelly

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this the 23rd day of May 2022. 5/27, 6/2/2022 7218594

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## LEGAL NOTICE OLD SAYBROOK INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook Connecticut will hold a public hearing or Thursday, June 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 302 Main Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Old Saybrook and via teleconference regarding:

22-004 "EconoLodge" Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity Construction of three-bedroom owner's apartment at rear of hotel within 100' upland review area. 1750 Boston Post Road (Map 25/Lot 4)

Owner: RR SALLIC

Edward M. Cassella, Esq.

22-005 "SPR Oasis, LLC" Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity
Construction of a retail center within inland wetlands and 100' upland review

52 Spencer Plain Road (Map 25/Lot 27) Applicant: SPR Oasis, LLC Owner: Ortho Saybrook LLC Agent: Joseph Wren, P.E.L.S.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear in person or via the Zoom link below to be heard or to submit written communications. Copies of the application and plans are on the Town website and on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 between the weekday hours of 8:30pm and 4:30pm weekday hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm

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OLD SAYBROOK INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
J. Colin Heffernan, Chairman
6/2, 6/9/2022 7217831

## NOTICE OF DECISIONS MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 25, 2022

Approved with conditions a site plan to construct addition to the existing building located at 750 Newfield Street in the NPC zone. Applicant/Agent: Gary Dayhersh/Erikelari, LLC. SPR2022-82

Thomas Pattavina, Chair Planning and Zoning Commission 6/2/2022 7223458

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 201 Lake Ave Bristol CT 06010 to satisfy a lien on June 16th, 2022 at approx. 1:00pm at the following site [www.storagetreasures.com] Cube #30 Melissa Bresson: Cube #151 Marcos Rodriguez; Cube #213 Blanca

6/2, 6/3/2022 7218705

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Theresa M. Shuttleworth (22-0334)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated May 27, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Kathi S. Bletz, 264 W. South St., Carlisle PA 17013 June 2, 2022 7223621

## TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AMENDED LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the fol-

Application #22-12: Request for a Special Permit under Section 2.7.A.1 of the Zoning Regulations to construct a garage over 1,000 square feet at 560-562 Main Street. Timothy Farrell is the Applicant and Timothy J. and Sharon S. Farrell and 194 Shunpike Road LLC are the Owners.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written testimony received. This application is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Planner.

Alice Kelly

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this the 26th day of May 2022. 5/28/2022 7223207

## LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via teleconference

Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/9 6174417686?pwd=Zk1kWmV2VII3VVV1 TUNtNEZRSES00T09 Meeting ID: 961 7441 7686 Meeting Passcode: 302302 Teleconference Dialn: (929) 436-2866 One Tap Mobile: tel://9294362866,,96174417686# to hear the following:

21/22-27 Frederick and Sandra Sattler seek a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 24.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/5.6' to north and 14' to south proposed); Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/25' required/16.2' proposed) and Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% and Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% allowed/32.7% proposed) of the Zoning allowed/32.7% proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit construction of a 163.2 s.f. front porch and stairs at 15 Cottage Road, Map 3/Lot 21, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management

21/22-28 Marie & LeAnn Kalita seek a variance of Par 10.8.3 (non-conforming lot/no changes allow/changes proposed); Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% allowed/23.9% proposed); Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/25' required/14.7' proposed) and Par 24.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/8.9' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 1,428 s.f. house and a 24 s.f. addition to existing garage at 6 Sea Breeze Road, Map 3/Lot 159, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone. 21/22-28 Marie & LeAnn Kalita seek a

At this hearing, interested persons may appear or submit written communication

appear or submit written communication in advance. Plans are available for review in the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street and at oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-board-appeals Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals Charles Gadon, Chairman 5/20/22 7213632

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Patricia Gale, Late of Deep

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Marge B. Calltharp, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Charles Gale c/o JANE R MARSH, LAW OFFICES OF JANE R MARSH, LLC, 6 ELM ST, DEEP RIVER, CT June 2, 2022 7223738

## LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION Town of Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 75-86, effective May 8, 1975, notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals has rendered decisions on the following appeals heard at a Special Meeting held on May 25, 2022. This decision has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Old Saybrook, Town Hall. 21/22-23C Michael & Carol Ann Fedele seek a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 seek a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change) and Par 24.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/9.2' to west and 4.3' to east proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit construction of a 299 s.f. addition at 36 Beach Road East, Map 12/ Lot 129, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone, VE-14 Flood Zone. DENIED

Located at Old Saybrook, Connecticut Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals Charles Gadon, Chairman 6/2/22 7220389

## TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

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1. Application #22-12: Request for a Special Permit for a garage over 1,000 square feet at 560-562 Main Street. Timothy J. Farrell is the Applicant and Timothy J. and Sharon S. Farrell are the Owners.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written testimony received. This application is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Planner.

Dated in Cromwell. Connecticut this the 23rd day of May 2022.

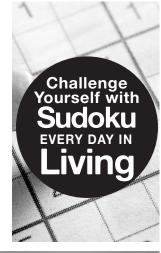
## LEGAL NOTICE

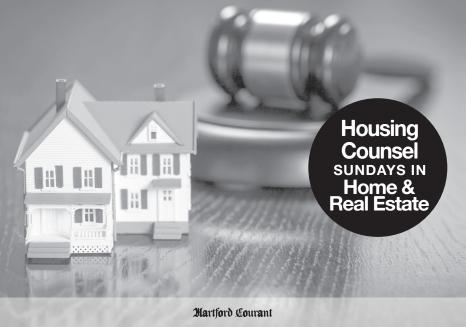
The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Avon will hold a virtual Public Hearing on June 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. on the

Application of Edward Blake Anderson and Mary Ellen Anderson, Owners, and Edward Blake Anderson, Applicant; requesting from Avon Zoning Regulations Section IV. A. 6., a 12-foot variance from the required 40-foot front yard setback for propane tanks, located at 4 White Birch Lane in an R40 Zone.

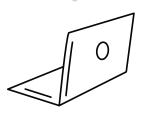
All interested persons may join virtually and be heard and written communica-tions will be received. Copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall. Dated at Avon this 31st day of May, 2022.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Eileen Carroll, Chair Christy Yaros, Vice-chair 6/2 & 6/9/22 7224090





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**ELENI KALORKOTI/THE NEW YORK TIMES** 

## Puberty is starting earlier

By Azeen Ghorayshi The New York Times

first realized something was changing in young girls in the late 1980s, while she was serving as director for the child abuse team at **Duke University Medical** Center in Durham, North Carolina. During evaluations of girls who had been abused, Herman-Giddens noticed that many of them had started developing breasts as young as 6 or 7.

"That did not seem right," said Herman-Giddens, who is now an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina Gillings School of

Global Public Health. She wondered whether girls with early breast development were more likely to be sexually abused. but she could not find any data keeping track of puberty onset in girls in the United States. So she decided to collect it herself.

A decade later, she published a study of more than 17,000 girls who underwent physical examinations at pediatricians' offices across the country.

The numbers revealed that, on average, girls in the mid-1990s had started to develop breasts - typically the first sign of puberty around age 10, more than a year earlier than previously recorded. The decline was

girls, who had begun devel-

oping breasts, on average,

at age 9. The medical community was shocked by the findings, and many were doubtful about a dramatic new trend spotted by an unknown physician assistant, Herman-Giddens recalled.

But the study turned out to be a watershed in the medical understanding of puberty. Studies in the decades since have confirmed, in dozens of countries, that the age of puberty in girls has dropped by about three months per decade since the 1970s. A similar pattern, though less extreme, has been observed in boys.

Although it is difficult to tease apart cause and effect, earlier puberty may have harmful impacts, especially for girls. Girls who go through puberty early are at a higher risk of depression, anxiety, substance abuse and other psychological problems, compared with peers who hit puberty later. Girls who get their periods earlier may also be at a higher risk of developing breast or uterine cancer in adulthood.

No one knows what risk factor — or more likely, what combination of

Experts don't know why girls in particular are developing faster

differences. Obesity seems to be playing a role, but it cannot fully explain the change. Researchers are also investigating other potential influences, including chemicals found in certain plastics and stress. And for unclear reasons, doctors across the world have reported a rise in early

puberty cases during the

stark race- and sex-based

pandemic. "We are seeing these marked changes in all our children, and we don't know how to prevent it if we wanted to," said Dr. Anders Juul, a pediatric endocrinologist at the University of Copenhagen who has published two recent studies on the phenomenon. "We don't know what is the cause."

## Obesity

Around the time Herman-Giddens published her landmark study, Juul's research group examined breast development in a cohort of 1,100 girls in Copenhagen, Denmark. Unlike the American children, the Danish group matched the pattern long described in medical textbooks: Girls began developing breasts

"I was interviewed quite a lot about the U.S. puberty boom, as we called it," Juul said. "And I said, 'It's not happening in Denmark."

At the time, Juul suggested that the earlier onset of puberty in the United States was probably tied to a rise in childhood obesity, which had not occurred in Denmark.

Obesity has been linked to earlier periods in girls since the 1970s. Numerous studies since have established that girls who are overweight tend to start their periods earlier than girls of average weights do.

"I don't think there's much controversy that obesity is a major contributor to early puberty these days," said Dr. Natalie Shaw, a pediatric endocrinologist at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences who has studied the effects of

obesity on puberty. Still, she added, many girls who develop early are not overweight.

'Obesity can't explain all of this," Shaw said. "It's just happened too quickly."

## Chemicals

Juul has become one of the most vocal proponents of an alternate theory: that

Marcia Herman-Giddens even more striking in Black factors — is driving the age at an average age of 11 years chemical exposures are to blame. The girls with the blame. The girls with the earliest breast development in his 2009 study, he said, had the highest urine levels of phthalates, substances used to make plastics more durable that are found in everything from vinyl flooring to food packaging.

> Phthalates belong to a broader class of chemicals called "endocrine disrupters," which can affect the behavior of hormones and have become ubiquitous in the environment over the past several decades. But the evidence that they are driving earlier puberty is murky.

> In a review article published recently, Juul and a team of researchers analyzed hundreds of studies looking at endocrine disrupters and their effects on puberty.

The methods of the studies varied widely; some were done in boys, others in girls, and they tested for many different chemicals at different ages of exposure. In the end, the analysis included 23 studies that were similar enough to compare, but it was unable to show a clear association between any chemical and the age of puberty.

"The big takeaway is that there's few publications and a paucity of data to

explore this question," said Dr. Russ Hauser, an environmental epidemiologist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a co-author of the analysis.

That lack of data has led many scientists to be skeptical of the theory, said Hauser, who recently reported on how endocrine disrupters affect puberty in boys. "We don't have enough data to build a strong case for a specific class of chemicals.'

## Stress and lifestyle

Other factors may also be involved in earlier puberty, at least in girls. Sexual abuse in early childhood has been linked to earlier puberty onset. Stress and trauma could prompt earlier development, or, as Herman-Giddens hypothesized decades ago, girls who physically develop earlier could be more

vulnerable to abuse. Girls whose mothers have a history of mood disorders also seem more likely to reach puberty early, as are girls who do not live with their biological fathers. Lifestyle factors like a lack of physical activity have also been linked to changes in pubertal timing.

And during the pandemic, pediatric endocrinologists from across the world noticed that referrals were increasing for earlier puberty in girls.

## Study: Lidocaine infusions may ease tough-to-treat migraines

HealthDay News

An intravenous infusion of the local anesthetic lidocaine appears to offer some pain relief to patients battling otherwise untreatable daily migraines.

That's the takeaway from a new study that examined the effectiveness of lidocaine infusion treatment a much debated therapy that requires a hospital stay — as a means to address "refractory chronic migraines," or rCM.

A diagnosis of rCM means patients have suffered at least eight migraines a month for a minimum of six months without responding to standard treatment and prevention strategies.

Those first-line treatments include standard painkillers and beta blockers; corticosteroids; antidepressants; anti-convulsants; calcium blockers; Botox injections, and/or noninvasive electrical stimulation.

"Lidocaine is a local anesthetic - a numbing medicine - but also reduces inflammation in studies," said study author Dr. Eric Schwenk, director of orthopedic anesthesia at the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

The findings suggest that chronic migraine patients experienced pain relief for about a month after hospital treatment with IV medications including lidocaine, he said.

Between 1% and 2% of the population get the chronic migraine head-

The researchers looked at hospital records for just over 600 patients, most of them women.

All had been admitted to a Philadelphia hospital between 2017 and 2020 for lidocaine infusion treatment.

Prior to treatment, patients had experienced moderate to severe headaches for about 27 out of

every 30 days. Lidocaine infusions were initially started at 1 mg per minute, then increased up to 4 mg per minute. At a follow-up appointment 25 to 65 days later, patients reported that on average, they had headaches on 23 of the last 30 days — four fewer than before treat-

ment. The findings were published in the journal Regional Anesthesia & Pain Medicine.



**DREAMSTIME** 



BTS member RM, center, speaks at the White House on Tuesday. Accompanying him are the band's other members V, from left, Jungkook, Jimin, Jin, J-Hope and Suga. **EVAN VUCCI/AP** 

## BTS 'devastated' by hate crime surge

From news services

K-pop sensation BTS visited the White House on Tuesday to talk with President Joe Biden about combating the rise in hate crimes targeting Asian Americans.

Band members J-Hope, RM, Suga, Jungkook, V, Jin and Jimin joined White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre at her briefing with reporters on the final day of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Jimin said the band had been "devastated by the recent surge" of crime and intolerance against Asian Americans that has persisted since the start of the pandemic.

"It's not wrong to be different," Suga said through an interpreter. "Equality begins when we open up and embrace all of our differences." V said that "everyone has their own history."

"We hope today is one step forward to understanding and respecting each and everyone as a valuable person," V added.

The band members wore black suits and ties and took turns briefly stepping to the podium. They got a tour of the White House before the briefing, and held a closed-door meeting with the president

in the Oval Office afterward.

Since its debut in 2013, BTS has garnered global recognition for the members' self-produced music and activism, including an appearance at the United Nations.

On Tuesday, the band thanked its fans, with Jungkook saying, "We still feel surprised that music created by South Korean artists reaches so many people around the world, transcending language and cultural barriers."

Doja Cat, Drake, Lennox lead BET Awards nods: Doja Cat scored six nominations for the BET Awards, hosted by Taraji P. Henson and airing live on June 26 from Los Angeles.

Drake and Ari Lennox are the second most nominated acts, scoring four nods each. Three nominations went to several others including Baby Keem, Silk Sonic, Chloe Bailey, Future, H.E.R., Jazmine Sullivan, Ye (formerly known as Kanye West), Kendrick Lamar, Lil Baby, Mary J. Blige and

The winners in the 19 categories, including film and sports awards, will be selected by BET's Voting Academy, comprised of entertainment professionals and fans.

Deneuve to be honored at Venice festival: The great French film star Catherine Deneuve will receive the Golden Lion for lifetime achievement at the 79th Venice International Film Festival in September, organizers said Wednesday

Deneuve, 78, has worked consistently for nearly 60 years, transcending her ingenue beginnings to become one of the most recognizable and respected stars in the world. In addition to her 14 Cesar Awards nominations and two wins, she was also nominated for best actress at the Oscars for "Indochine" from 1992.

"It is a joy to receive this prestigious award at the Venice Festival," Deneuve said in a statement. "It is also an honor to be chosen for this tribute at the Film Festival that has accompanied me so often for so many movies."

June 2 birthdays: Actor Charles Haid is 79. Actor Jerry Mathers is 74. Actor Dennis Haysbert is 68. Comedian Dana Carvey is 67. TV personality Andy Cohen is 54. Actor Anthony Montgomery is 51. Comedian Wayne Brady is 50. Actor Zachary Quinto is 45. Actor Morena Baccarin is 43. Actor Awkwafina is 34.



## **ASK AMY**

**By Amy Dickinson** 

askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

## Partner wants youthful photos of ex tossed

Dear Amy: Many years ago, I was married to "Annie" for about 10 years. Our divorce was amicable. We have not had any contact since our divorce.

A couple of years later, I met and married "Bea." We've now been married for over 30 years.

I have an album of photographs. This album consists of childhood photos, photos of my parents, siblings and me through high school and college. The album includes three photos of Annie — nothing suggestive or racy — these are just reminders of the good times from my youth.

Bea strenuously objects to me keeping the photos of Annie and wants me to destroy them, while I think that they are harmless souvenirs of my life. Am I nuts?

— Charlie

**Dear Charlie:** You sound like a perfectly normal person with a perfectly normal past.

I have a knee-jerk and negative reaction to the idea of destroying photos. As we move into an almost thoroughly digital age, these material objects are visceral reminders that we exist in the world, in many splendidly awkward settings and posed alongside people we no longer know.

At the risk of angering your wife, it would be thoughtful for you to scan or copy these photos and send copies to "Annie." I would think that anyone would enjoy a tangible reminder of their muchyounger self.

It might help you to lean in toward your wife's reaction if you understand that behind her anger might be regret that she wasn't ever young alongside you.

She missed a period sharing your life that might always be a source of some sadness and regret for her.

Meet her with affection and understanding for the youthful period you didn't get to share, but gratitude for the adulthood you've been granted together.

Dear Amy: When I am sad, especially about a situation relating to my boyfriend (but also when I'm just stressed out), I tend to cry.

I try to explain to my boyfriend what's wrong, and he does not comfort me. He doesn't put his arm around me, he doesn't say he understands what I'm saying, he just watches and listens from the other side of the room.

This makes me feel lonely, sad and embar-rassed. I end up trying to explain again why I'm upset, in an attempt to get comfort. It never works.

When he leaves, I recover because I'm no longer upset by the lack of comfort. When I'm alone, I can make myself feel better. What should I do?

On several occasions I've said, "You should go, I'm sad, and it isn't helping me to feel better to have you watch me cry," but then he stays anyway.

Should I leave the room? I don't want to act angry, but it's hard to be physically with someone and yet feel so alone.

Alone Together

Dear Alone Together: The best time to discuss your boyfriend's reaction to your strong emotions is when you aren't experiencing such strong emotions.

When the tears are flowing, you are conveying that your boyfriend's actions have made you cry. He may conclude that if his behavior has made you cry, then he should respond by retreating.

Talk about this during a calm moment. Tell him, "When I'm upset, I have a much easier time if you will sit near me, hold my hand, put your arm around me and comfort me."

You should also ask him how he feels when you are in tears. He may tell you that he feels confused, bewildered or hopeless.

Obviously, you should also examine what about this relationship is bringing on these storms, and whether experiencing this sort of emotional imbalance is healthy for you.

**Dear Amy:** Your answer to "Upset Dad" was astoundingly, bewilderingly wrong.

"Dad" mentions that his brothers are childless, as though this justifies his expectation that they should step in to provide regular free child care.

Other peoples worlds do not revolve around one's children!

Disappointed in You

Dear Disappointed: "Upset Dad's" son has special needs. According to his question, his brothers seemed unsure of how to be good uncles to their nephew.

He was appealing to his brothers not for child care, but for connection.

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Sam Bloch, director of emergency response for World Central Kitchen, left, and Jose Andres in the documentary "We Feed People." **SEBASTIAN LINDSTROM/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC** 

## TV REVIEW

## 'We Feed People' details Andres' efforts to help people in crisis

By Glenn Whipp Los Angeles Times

Ron Howard's absorbing new documentary about chef Jose Andres and his nonprofit relief organization, World Central Kitchen, opens with Andres' team navigating flooded roads to deliver food after 2018's Hurricane Florence. Soon enough we'll see him visiting Haiti after the devastating 2010 earthquake, then Puerto Rico and the Bahamas in the wake of hurricanes as

disasters and pandemics.

Andres moves around so much — and without much advance warning — that his daughters joined Twitter simply to "keep track of him" around the globe.

well as other locales after

What makes Andres run? "We Feed People" doesn't probe deeply for answers beyond making a convincing case that he has an insatiable passion for feeding hungry people and creating systems where they can take care of themselves in the wake of calamity. In this long era of ego-driven celebrity chefs, we've become well-

acquainted with the idea that these people feel at home with chaos. Andres simply takes this ease with anarchy outside the kitchen as he and his organization try to stamp out suffering.

The film, a National Geographic production now streaming on Disney+, is engaging and inspiring, outlining Andres' journey from bestselling cookbook author and tapas evangelist to a man whose wife has a backpack ready for him at all times so he can leave home at a moment's notice. His "calling" began in 2010 when an earthquake hit Haiti while he was vacationing in the Cayman Islands. Seeing the images of destruction, he said, "Let's go," not so much to help, he says, but to learn.

Once there, Andres started making meals. And he discovered that he had to listen and adapt to communities in order to truly meet their needs and not just be a "white savior" but someone who values understanding above all else. World Central Kitchen was born from

that trip, and it has been filling the gaps in government response to disasters ever since.

Howard's movie comes from a clear place of love for the affable Andres, but it doesn't turn him into a superhero. The film chronicles moments of exhaustion and frustration, including an episode where he berates a World Central Kitchen volunteer who violated protocol in the Bahamas by feeding a hungry woman before relief stations had been established. Andres tries to right his mistake later but to no avail. Sometimes chaos gets the best of you.

"We Feed People" premiered in March at the SXSW Film Festival, just as World Central Kitchen workers were helping Ukrainian residents and refugees. That ongoing effort did not make it into the movie. And, of course, there will be more crises to come. It's easy to give in to despair. What "We Feed People" makes clear is that you can help with a simple, small act of empathy.

How to watch: On Disney+

## HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Matters of security might be sparking fierce feelings within you at this time. Finding a sense of stability may seem more important than ever before. Use this drive to help yourself move toward greener pastures, where you'll never worry about running out of grass.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): An extra flair for dramatic or eccentric ideas could take hold of you today, inspiring you to get out there and speak your mind. Let your wilder ideas take the reins and guide you further along your journey. You could wind up somewhere that embraces this unique side of yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You can try to remain grounded today, but something otherworldly could still pull at your attention. Since this angle is positive, consider using it to seek out new ways to make your money work for you. After that, you can dedicate more time to fun and daydreaming.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): No matter how easy it is to get caught up in your own world today, other people could come knocking when you least expect it. They'll probably be demanding your attention. Happily, you should be happy with whatever they ask of you, so consider saying yes to invitations.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):
It would be rather easy to follow a roundabout course toward your goal, encouraging you to take your foot off the gas and coast along. The main takeaway from this energy is not to force anything—instead, let events unfold on their own. Something special could reveal itself if you do.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There's much to be gained from opening yourself up. You're looking for your tribe, but these people could come from further away than expected. You'll probably feel surprisingly at home with people totally different than yourself, so be willing to let strangers into your life.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've got your eye on the prize today, and there's reason to hope it will be a lucrative one. Your goals, remind you of how many mountains you have yet to climb. When you show people how capable you are, a special VIP could decide it is time to give you your fair rewards.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The world may seem hardly big enough for you today, but there should be room for you and someone else. Your eyes are turned to the horizon. That said, you won't want to travel alone. Form a dynamic duo rather than take on tasks by yourself. Two heads are better than one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your energy levels might seem larger than life today — which you can absolutely use to your advantage, helping you face small problems and enormous mountains with the same tenacity. No one can hold you back under this potent connection — so don't even let them even

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There's a lovely chance to enjoy yourself in tandem with someone special today, so you'd be wise to partner up rather than tackle the day alone. Any work should be quite enjoyable. Instead of sharing a dreary workload, focus on sharing joyful productivity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Life could run surprisingly smoothly today, helping you take on your tasks at an even pace. While this may mean that there's a good deal of work on your plate, your foundation should give you all the support needed. Be sure to reward yourself for doing your best work.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): There's fun to be had today if you can find it—fortunately, that shouldn't prove difficult. Seek the spotlight. There will be plenty of chances to do so with new opportunities to enjoy yourself at just about every turn. Make a point to get out and socialize, because this fun is waiting for you.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 2,1924, Congress passed, and President Calvin Coolidge signed, a measure guaranteeing full American citizenship for all Native Americans born within U.S. territorial limits.

In 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

In 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in London's Westminster Abbey.

In 1961, playwright and director George S. Kaufman, 71, died in New York. In 1966, U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs.

**In 1981,** the Japanese video game "Donkey Kong" was released by Nintendo.

**In 2020,** mayors and governors from both parties rejected Trump's threat to use the military against protests set off by the death of George Floyd.

## **BONUS PUZZLE PAGE**

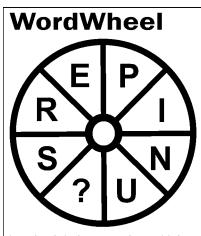
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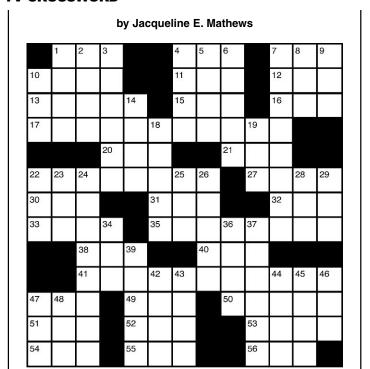


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- 20 Suffix for Japan or Nepal 21 Part of speech: abbr.
- 22 Kaplan and Byrne
- 27 Chimney flue residue 30 Rower's need
- 31 Cheerleader's cry 32 "Game of Thrones" network 33 Kojak's first name
- 35 Actress Powers
- 38 Ortiz of "Ugly Betty" 40 Scottish actor Alastair
- 41 Role on "Kevin Can Wait" 47 Series for Eric Szmanda 49 Slangy refusal

- 50 "\_\_ Previews"; Siskel & Ebert
- series 51 Actor \_\_ Chaney Jr.
- 52 Tavern order 53 "Due \_\_"; Robert Downey Jr. movie
- 54 President Grant's monogram
- 55 "The Old Man and the \_\_"; Spencer Tracy film 56 "People \_\_ Funny"

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- 1 Comedian Carvey 2 Alda or Arkin 3 Fred Astaire or Ben Vereen
- 4 Actress Jessica 5 Israel's Golda 6 " Dabba Doo!" \_ Dabba Doo!"
- 7 Sitcom for Judd Hirsch 8 "\_\_ in the Family"
- 9 Peeples or Long 10 Texter's laugh 14 Ricky Ricardo's portrayer
- 18 Norm's drinks on "Cheers"
  19 Sullivan and Bradley
  22 "America's \_\_ Talent"
  23 Ooh and \_\_; express delight
  24 "\_\_ Bad"; AMC crime drama series
  25 Caesar's language: abbr.
  26 "\_\_ Ladv": Tom\_lones ton hit
- 26 "\_\_ Lady"; Tom Jones top hit 28 Geisha's sash
- 29 Foot digit 34 "\_\_ Life to Live" 36 Desert fruits
- 37 Actress Peet 39 Paquin and Faris 42 Evans or Robertson
- 43 Carla's portrayer on "Cheers"
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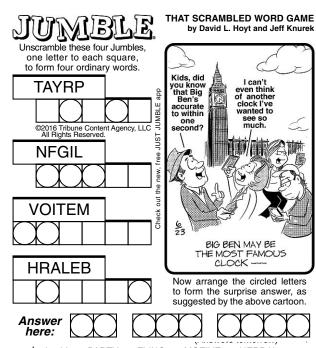
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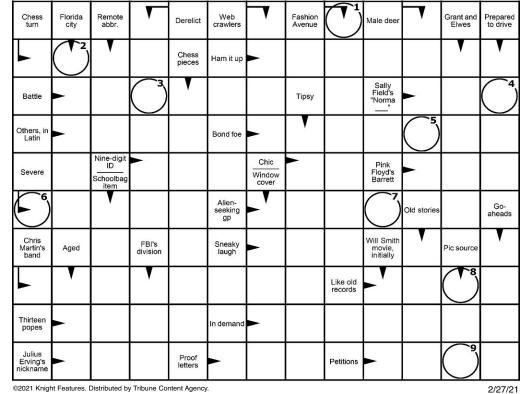
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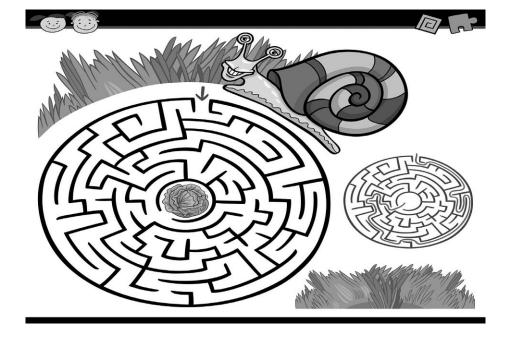
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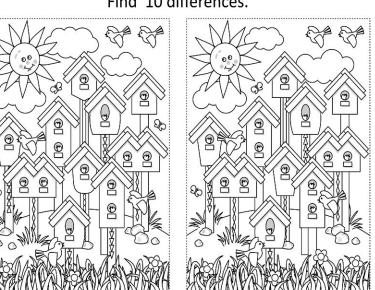
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## Find 10 differences.











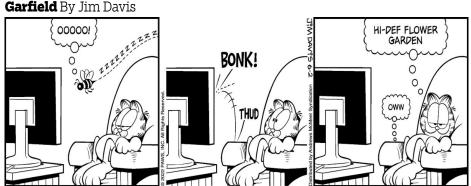
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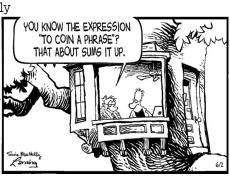
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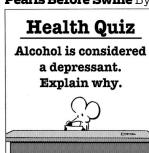
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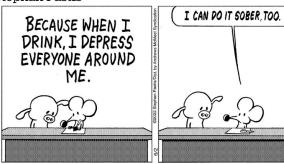


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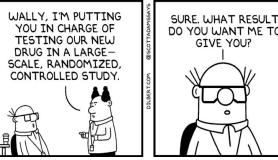
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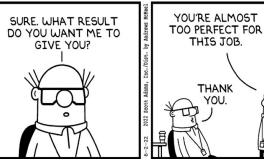


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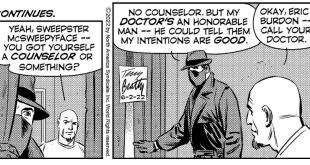


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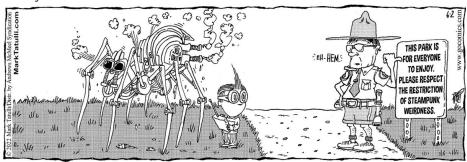
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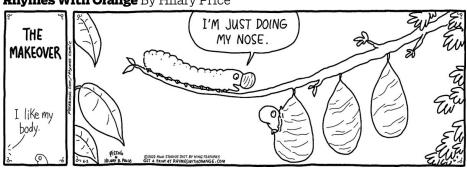
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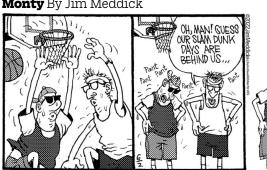




Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price



**Monty** By Jim Meddick





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48 "I see now"

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**Beetle Bailey** by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker







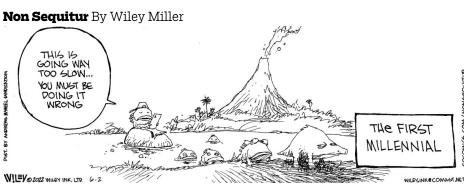
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**Curtis** By Ray Billingsley



Pickles By Brian Crane



**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



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ANYBODY WHO

SAYS A PICTURE

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WORDS HASN'T MET MY GIRLFRIEND

**Mother Goose And Grimm** By Mike Peters



## CROSSWORD

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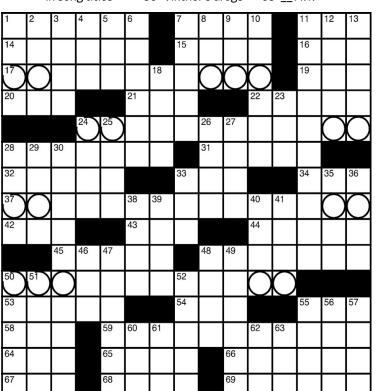
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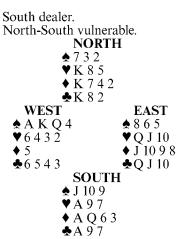
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## **BRIDGE**

BY STEVE BECKER



By Emma Lawson

The bidding: South West East North 1 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — king of spades.

## Sylvia strikes again

There were some members of the club who insisted that Sylvia was protected by a guardian angel. She would make the most dreadful plays imaginable, and somehow or other, these plays would work to her advantage.

Consider this deal where Sylvia (West) led her A-K-O of spades and then, planning to cash the four next, inadvertently led the four of clubs instead. As a result. Sylvia was never able to cash her last spade.

However, declarer eventually went down anyway, and Sylvia's sense of mortification was greatly allayed by this favorable turn of events.

Only in subsequent analysis was it discovered that South would have made three notrump had Sylvia cashed her fourth spade, since this would have squeezed her partner in the three remaining suits!

Thus, if East discarded a heart, declarer would win any return and cash three

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heart tricks. East would then be squeezed again. He would either have to unguard his diamonds or his clubs, and South would make three notrump by scoring an extra trick in that suit.

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The same result would accrue if East elected to discard a club on Sylvia's fourth spade. Declarer would then cash three club tricks, squeezing East in hearts and diamonds

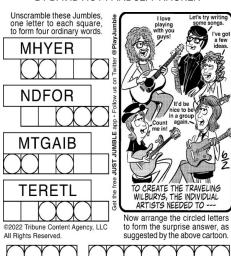
And finally, if East discarded a diamond on the four of spades, he would later be squeezed in hearts and clubs when declarer cashed four diamond tricks.

So, whichever way East turned, he could not escape being victimized by a fourth round of spades from Sylvia.

To this day, some members of the club still contend that it was not Sylvia who led the four of clubs at trick four, but her guardian angel!

Tomorrow: Test your play.

**JUMBLE** BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



(Answers tomorrow) **BLEND** BOOTH LAWFUL RUDDER Answer: The first people to see the Grand Canyon were surprised and thought — "LOW" AND BEHOLD

## **TODAY'S SUDOKU**

## Complete the grid so each 9 6 row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains 5 2 8 6 4 every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, 4 8 visit www.sudoku.org.uk 8 ANSWER TO **PREVIOUS PUZZLE** 6 4 7 3 5 7 8 1 5 9 6 4 3 9 4 8 6 2 3 1 5 9 5 7 1 3 5 9 4 1 8 4 6 8 4 9 3 2 5

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## SPORTS

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## Celtics' run a product of coach's vision

By Kyle Hightower **Associated Press** 

BOSTON - The Boston Celtics' transition from a team that went from sitting just outside the top tier of the Eastern Conference to being four wins away from the franchise's 18th championship began the moment Ime Udoka grasped the microphone at his introductory news conference last June.

Flanked by the Celtics' co-owners and new president of basketball operations Brad Stevens, the first-time coach was asked what kind of stamp he hoped to put on his new team.

A smile on his face, Udoka didn't hesitate to point out a shortcoming of his predecessor and new boss.

"We want to have a wellrounded team. I looked at the numbers overall, sorry to mention

this Brad, but 27th in assists last year - we want to have more team basketball there," Udoka said.

A year later, his pledge to build a culture on sharing the ball, accountability and gritty defense is no longer just an aspiration.

It's the foundation of a team that's back in the NBA Finals for the first time since 2010 and has Udoka on the cusp of becoming iust the 10th coach to win a title in his first season.

Tyronn Lue (2016 Cleveland Cavaliers) is on that list, while Hall of Famer Bill Russell just missed it, winning the first of back-to-back titles his second season as a player-coach with Boston in 1968.

Like Udoka, who is of Nigerian descent, they are both Black coaches who carved their places in a league in which coaches of color have often had to wait for opportu**NBA Finals** 



Game 1: Celtics at Warriors 9 p.m. Thu., ABC

nities on the sideline.

That is even more underlined in a city like Boston with its complicated racial history, where Udoka can also join Russell, Doc Rivers (2008) and K.C. Jones (1984, 1986) as Black coaches to raise the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

It took a while for Udoka's first team to buy in after typical challenges like injuries were complicated more by unexpected absences due to COVID-19. It added up to a team that was nowhere close to playoff-bound

Turn to Celtics. Page 2



Celtics head coach Ime Udoka speaks to Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown during the Eastern Conference finals playoff series against the Heat on May 17 in Miami, LYNNE SLADKY/AP

## Time to buy stock in Xavier High QB Will Levis



**Dom Amore** 

Will Levis has seen it, heard it. He's not sure how seriously he should take it.

The former Xavier High quarterback who was looking for a college home a little over a year ago, is now in the conversation for next year's NFL Draft, and at least one analyst has him going No. 1.

Chris Trepasso, for CBSSports.com writes:

Levis feels like a quarterback who can eventually be the No. 1 overall pick. He's big, chiseled, has a rocket for an arm and can scramble."

Would you bet against Levis going No.1 overall? If so, head to Vegas, where no player has taken more action to go No. 1 at Caesar's Sports Book, and get a bet down before the odds shrink. This week, odds for Levis were at plus-2,000, with Ohio State's CJ Stroud and Alabama's Bryce Young (plus-

230) the favorites. "It's cool, but that's really all it is, though," Levis said. "I see it and it's cool, but you really can't pay attention to it. It's so far out, so many variables and unknowns between now and [the draft]. On the flip side, these people are paid money to give their opinions. Hey, they're supposed to give opinions that are supposed to strike debate. There probably is a reason they're putting me as high as they are, they're trying to have people disagree with

Turn to Amore, Page 4



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS GAME 1

## RANGERS REVVED UP

New York goaltender Igor Shesterkin stops a shot by Tampa Bay's Corey Perry (10) during the first period of Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden. The game was not over in time for this edition, go to www.courant.com/sports for the result.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL** 

## Southington honors late coach with tidy win over Hall in tourney

By Joseph Arruda Hartford Courant

SOUTHINGTON - Two hundred twenty-five plastic cups -139 blue, 86 white – stuck out of the fence surrounding the Southington High baseball field on Wednesday as the No. 4 Blue Knights defeated No. 13 Hall, 4-1, in a CIAC Class LL second-round game.

The cups spelled out "RIP Coach Lembo" in honor of longtime Southington baseball coach Charlie Lembo who died Saturday after a yearlong battle with cancer.

"Lembo on three! One. Two. Three. LEMBO!" The Blue Knights shouted as they broke their huddle ahead of the national anthem. They dedicated the season and this tournament run to the man who

Turn to Baseball, Page 4



The Southington baseball team celebrates after Frank Buotot hit a tworun home run in Wednesday's CIAC Class LL Second Round win over Hall. JOSEPH ARRUDA/HARTFORD COURANT

**HIGH SCHOOL TRACK** 

## Newington's Bohlke a double winner at Class L

**By Lori Riley** 

Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — It would have been easy for Newington's Michael Bohlke to get discouraged at some point in his high

school running career. In any other place he might have been the top distance runner. But he was in Connecticut competing against the likes of Gavin and Callum Sherry of Conard and Aidan Puffer of Manchester, all

national-class runners. Wednesday his perseverance paid off at the Class L championships. With Gavin Sherry sidelined due to injury, Bohlke, a senior who will run at George Washington next year, outkicked Callum Sherry to win the 1,600-

meter title (4:19.62) and then won the 3,200 (9:07.99). "Especially in my senior year,

I've found that I'm able to keep

Inside: Windsor boys, girls win Class MM titles. Page 4

up with them for the most part," Bohlke said. "But ever since my freshman year, having nationally ranked competition in every race, it's made me the runner I am today. Without that I wouldn't be hitting the times I'm hitting."

Bohlke finished fourth behind the Sherrys and Puffer in cross country at the State Open last fall. He did edge Callum last year by .17 seconds in the Class L 3,200 to finish third (9:12.70) and in the State Open by .24 seconds to finish sixth in the 3,200.

Wednesday's race was tactical. "We went out in like 1:10 and then closed the last three laps in like 3 minutes, 9 seconds," Bohlke said. "It was just a matter of timing my kick right to chase down first

Turn to Track, Page 4

## **UP NEXT**

Celtics: NBA Finals: at Warriors (Game 1), Thursday, 9 p.m.; at Warriors (Game 2), Sunday, 8 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 3), Wednesday, 9 p.m.

Rangers: Eastern Conference Finals: vs. Lightning (Game 2), Friday, 8 p.m.; at Lightning (Game 3), Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Lightning (Game 4), Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Red Sox: at Athletics, Friday, 9:30 p.m.; at Athletics, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Athletics, Sunday,

Yankees: Angels, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Tigers, Friday, 7 p.m.; Tigers, Saturday, 1 p.m.

Mets: at Dodgers, Thursday, 10 p.m.; at Dodgers, Friday, 10 p.m.; at Dodgers, Saturday, 10 p.m.

Yard Goats: Reading, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Reading, Friday, 7 p.m.; Reading, Saturday, 6 p.m.

Sun: at Aces, Thursday, 10 p.m.; at Mercury, Friday, 10 p.m.; at Seattle, Sunday,

Hartford Athletic: at El Paso, Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; at San Diego, June 11, 10 p.m.; Memphis, June 15, 7 p.m.

## TV/RADIO

**AUTO RACING** 2 p.m.: NASCAR Racing Whelen Modified Tour: Jennerstown. (Taped)

## **BASEBALL**

1p.m.: Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees. (Live), FS1, YES. Radio:

3 p.m.: Chicago White Sox at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET 6:30 p.m.: Syracuse Mets at Worcester Red Sox. (Live) NESN

**7 p.m.:** Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees, (Live), YES, Radio: 97.9.

10 p.m.: New York Mets at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880. 11 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

## **BASKETBALL**

9 p.m.: 2022 NBA Finals Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors. (Live)

10 p.m.: Connecticut Sun at Las Vegas Aces. (Live), Facebook, NESN+.

## **GOLF**

7 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Porsche European Open, First Round. (Live) GOLF 2 p.m.: the Memorial Tournament, First Round. (Live) GOLF 3 p.m.: 2022 U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship First Round. (Live) USA

## **HOCKEY**

12 p.m.: Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Taped) NHL 2 p.m.: Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Taped) NHL 8 p.m.: Edmonton Oilers at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) SPRTNET TNT

SOCCER 2:30 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Spain vs Portugal. (Live) FS1 2:30 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Slovenia vs Sweden. (Live) FSP

## **SOFTBALL**

12 p.m.: 2022 Women's College World Series Texas vs UCLA. (Live)

2:30 p.m.: 2022 Women's College World Series Northwestern vs Oklahoma. (Live) ESPN 7 p.m.: 2022 Women's College World Series Oregon State vs Florida. (Live) ESPN 9:30 p.m.: 2022 Women's College World Series Arizona vs Oklahoma

State. (Live) ESPN

## **TENNIS**

6 a.m.: 2022 Roland-Garros Tennis Mixed Doubles Championship. (Live) TENNIS 9 a.m.: 2022 Roland-Garros Tennis Women's Semifinals. (Live) TENNIS 11 a.m.: 2022 Roland-Garros Tennis Women's Semifinals. (Live) NBC



Mets' Luis Guillorme (13) celebrates with Brandon Nimmo (9) after scoring on a two-run double hit by Tomas Nido off Nationals starting pitcher Evan Lee in the fourth inning on Wednesday in New York. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

**METS 5, NATIONALS 0** 

## Mets blank Nats again to finish perfect homestand

**Associated Press** 

NEW YORK - Tomás Nido went 4 for 4 with three RBIs at the bottom of the batting order, Carlos Carrasco combined with three relievers on New York's second consecutive shutout and the Mets beat the Washington Nationals 5-0 Wednesday to finish a perfect homestand.

Francisco Lindor extended his RBI streak to 10 games, matching Hall of Famer Mike Piazza for the second-longest in franchise history. New York went 6-0 against NL East rivals Philadelphia and Washington for its first undefeated homestand of six or more games since a 10-0 run in April

On deck, a much stiffer challenge.

The first-place Mets, riding their longest winning streak of the season, now

head to California for a 10-game trip against the Dodgers, Padres and Angels that starts Thursday night.

New York (35-17) is 18 games over .500 for the first time since ending the 2015 regular season 90-72 on the way to its last World Series appearance. The Mets began the day with a 10 ½-game lead in the NL East, tied with the 1971 San Francisco Giants for the largest in National League history entering June.

Nido had an RBI single in the fourth inning, and another run scored on the play when center fielder Dee Strange-Gordon fumbled the ball for an error. Lindor hit a sacrifice fly that scored Nido in the seventh, and the light-hitting catcher added a two-run double in the eighth.

Nationals left-hander Evan Lee (0-1) lasted 3 3/3 innings in his big league debut after getting called up from Double-A Harrisburg. He allowed two runs and four hits.

Carrasco (6-1) matched his career high with five walks and pitched out of trouble all afternoon against the last-place Nationals. He needed 95 pitches to get through five innings but stranded eight runners.

Seth Lugo gave up one hit over two innings before Adam Ottavino and Edwin Díaz finished a six-hitter on the 10th anniversary of Johan Santana's no-hitter the first in Mets history.

It was New York's ninth shutout this season, most in the majors, and it followed a 10-0 whitewash of Washington on Tuesday night. The Mets are 13-2-1 in series this year — though their only two sweeps came on this homestand. The six-game winning streak marks their longest of the year.

**NHL PLAYOFFS** LATE TUESDAY

## **Avalanche hold off Oilers** for wild victory in Game 1

Associated Press

DENVER — In a frenetic game that featured 14 goals, Colorado and Edmonton players came away with the same thought — defense can't be so optional.

J.T. Compher scored twice, Cale Makar had a goal and two assists and the Avalanche held off the Oilers 8-6 on Tuesday night in a fast-paced, no-lead-feltsafe Game 1 of the Western Conference final.

The goal-after-goal-after-goal routine had Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky - the greatest scorer of all time pleading on the TV broadcast for a little more "D." The game is tied for 10th highest-scoring playoff game in NHL history, according to

"There's lots to clean up," said Compher, whose team matched a franchise record for most goals in a play-off game. "We don't want to play the game that we played tonight. We want to be tighter defensively."

Even Colorado's fourgoal lead in the second period hardly felt secure in a matchup between the two highest-scoring teams in the postseason – and the win wasn't in hand until Gabriel Landeskog's empty-net goal with 21.4 seconds remaining.

Not only were there goals galore, but both teams needed to use backup goaltenders in a frenzied second period: Mike Smith was pulled after giving up six goals and Darcy Kuemper left with an upper-body injury (coach Jared Bednar didn't have an update after the game).

This was a matchup billed as a showdown between stars Nathan MacKinnon and Connor McDavid and they delivered. MacKinnon had a goal and an assist for Colorado, and McDavid a goal and two assists for Edmonton.

But it was the supporting

casts that produced big time. Nazem Kadri, Mikko

Rantanen and Andrew Cogliano also scored for the Avalanche, who have a 19-6 series record when taking the first game of a best-of-seven since relocating to Denver. Twelve Avs recorded at least a point and six had multi-point games.

Evander Kane, Zach Hyman, Ryan McLeod, Derek Ryan and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins added goals for the Oilers. Hyman has scored in six straight postseason games to tie the team mark set by Esa Tikkanen in the 1990 playoffs. Thirteen Oilers had at least a point.

Edmonton and Colorado scored six times over a 6:43 span — nearly a goal a minute. And the opening two periods saw 11 total goals. At times, it looked more like an All-Star Game rather than a conference final.

Game 2 is Thursday.

## **Celtics**

following a buzzer-beating loss to the New York Knicks on Jan. 6, dropping the Celtics to an 18-21 record and 11th place in the Eastern Conference.

But following a 33-10 run to close the regular season, and wins over the Brooklyn Nets, defending champion Milwaukee Bucks and top-seeded Miami Heat in the first three rounds of the playoffs, here the Celtics are clearly a team built in Udoka's image and driven by his leadership.

"He's taught us things that we could learn and we taught him things," point guard Marcus Smart said. We knew that him being his first time, it wasn't going to be easy. It was going to be hard. That's just how it is, and that's just the team we are, and that's the mentality we picked up from him. ... When you've got a coach like that, it's kind of hard not to follow."

Udoka has benefited from what he heard from core players like Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown, Smart and even veteran Al Horford, who early on expressed a desire to be pushed and called out if necessary.

It happened on multiple occasions. After a Nov. 1 home loss to Chicago in which Boston surrendered a 19-point lead — one of several big leads the Celtics blew in the first half of the season — Smart, the team's longest-tenured player, called out Tatum and Brown for their unwillingness to pass the ball at times.

The comments prompted a players-only meeting soon after that loss, but Udoka also backed up Smart's comments days later.

It led to uncomfortable conversations in the locker room, but Udoka said it was also one of the moments that ultimately fueled their turnaround.

"I challenged their mental toughness. Some people liked it, some people didn't," he said. "The team responded as they have all year. And we really said let's stop messing around and giving up these leads because we had lost two or three 19-point leads and lost some games to Cleveland, Milwaukee on Christmas and Chicago earlier and then that New York game. ... I got tired of it. The team got tired

**RED SOX** 

## Barnes placed on injured list

**By Steve Hewitt** Boston Herald

BOSTON - Matt Barnes' struggles have continued at an alarming level this season, and the Red Sox reliever's frustrating 2022 continued on Wednesday.

Barnes, two nights after another poor outing, was placed on the 15-day injured list with right shoulder inflammation. Red Sox chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom said that he came to them on Tuesday reporting issues after he experienced discomfort while warming up for his appearance in Monday night's loss to the Orioles. He worked through it during the outing, where he didn't have issues, but after some light catching on Tuesday, he was still feeling it.

"We tried to get our arms around it, see how he came in today," Bloom said. "It's still bothering him today. So the prudent thing to do here is just to back off here and make sure we can calm this down and get it built back up."

Barnes' issues on the mound have escalated to an absurd level this season, a year after he was a firsttime All-Star following a dominant first half. Monday's ninth inning when he allowed a threerun homer to Anthony Santander – was his latest setback. In 17 innings this season, Barnes owns a 7.94 ERA, 1.71 WHIP and 1.2 strikeouts/walks ratio all numbers that are by far the 31-year-old's career worst.

Barnes will obviously now be out for significant time, and though the injury is not ideal, it may offer a chance for him to reset and return fresh. The Red Sox are not giving up on him yet - they committed a multi-year contract extension to him last July — as

Alex Cora said on Tuesday. "We have to keep pitching him and hopefully at one point, the work he's put in before games and after games and watching video and talking to (Dave Bush) and (Kevin Walker) and everybody that is involved, it clicks," Cora said. "There's a few times that we've been close, others not as close, but he's a guy that we're not going to give up. We have to keep working with him."

Matt Strahm was reinstated from the COVID-19 related injured list to fill Barnes' spot.

## Sale throws another bull-

pen: Chris Sale threw a 25-pitch bullpen in Fort Myers on Wednesday, his second of the week, as he continues to progress toward a rehab assignment. Bloom said he's scheduled to throw another bullpen on Friday, and he's hopeful if he comes out of that well that he'll be ready to face live hitters.

"We'll see where we are at the end of this week," Bloom said. "I don't want to get out in front of the medical staff here, but it should be soon."

## **YANKEES**

## Judge is showing he can play center field

**By Kristie Ackert** New York Daily News

NEW YORK - When Aaron Boone first got the job managing the Yankees, Aaron Hicks let him know. The 6-foot-7 slugger thought of himself as a center fielder. Through the years, Judge kept dropping hints. He played 53 games at center for Fresno State, was drafted by the Yankees as a center fielder.

Now, given the chance, Judge isn't talking about it, he's showing everyone he can do it. Tuesday night, Judge made a tremendous play reading a Shohei Ohtani's long flyball off the bat, running back to the left-center wall and making a leaping grab to pull back a home run.

It was a game-changer in

the first inning. "He's had a couple against us when I was a Texas so you know that sound off the bat," Yankees catcher Jose Trevino said of watching Judge track down the ball and snatch it. "But yeah, I thought it was out but thankfully you have someone that's six foot seven out there."

It's more than just his

Judge has shown he has a pretty good glove all those years in right field, but moving over to center has shown new range. He moves well and gets good reads off the ball. And, well, the 30-year-

old who carries the Yankees offense, leading the majors with 18 home runs, just likes playing there.

"The space and kind of control I feel like I can be a little more vocal I can talk to the guys," Judge said of playing centerfield. " can move guys around a little bit more because I got you know I'm right there in the middle so I can see different things. What guys swings are, where the pitches are, because in right and left (field), you are kind of just reacting. You can't really see it. 'Hey, was that ball in and was that away?' You know why they take a swing like that. So just being able to communicate a little bit more. Just kind of talk with Joey (Gall) and



Yankees' Aaron Judge catches a ball hit by Angels' Shohei Ohtani for an out during a game on Tuesday in New York. FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Miguel Andujar) or (Aaron Hicks), if he's out there too. I just enjoy it. It's part of the game out there.'

Tuesday night was the 17th time the Yankees started Judge in centerfield this season.He made 21 starts there last season. It began as a way to keep Giancarlo Stanton in the lineup when the Yankees were in National league parks and there was no designated hitter or when Boone wanted to use the DH for someone else. Right field, Judge's professional home for so much of his career, is easier for Stanton to play.

Initially there were concerns about Judge playing there and maintaining his health. Centerfield is a big area to cover and Judge's legs are a big part of his offensive game. The Yankees were not sure they wanted to risk that considering Judge had a history of injuries.

But Boone decided to try it last season.

"Yeah, I just got sick of them in my office. I said fine. Let's go," Boone joked of Judge bugging him about playing center. "Early on, not that I thought he was joking, but he'd always tell me you know, even probably my first year managing here, 'I can play center if you need me to. I'd dismissed it but it started in my mind becoming like, Well, maybe this is something we should do.' He took to it right away last year. He is very, very natural out there. Andyeah, I wish I would have had him play it earlier than then last year."

## BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	34	15	.694	_	_	5-5	W-1	18-7	16-8
Toronto	28	20	.583	5 1/2	_	8-2	W-6	15-8	13-12
Tampa Bay	28	21	.571	6	_	5-5	L-2	17-11	11-10
Boston	23	27	.460	11 ½	4	5-5	L-2	12-14	11-13
Baltimore	21	30	.412	14	6 1/2	5-5	L-1	12-12	9-18
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Minnesota	30	21	.588	_	_	5-5	L-1	17-11	13-10
Chicago	23	24	.489	5	2 1/2	5-5	L-1	11-13	12-11
Cleveland	22	24	.478	5 ½	3	5-5	W-3	11-8	11-16
Detroit	19	30	.388	10	7 ½	6-4	W-1	13-15	6-15
Kansas City	16	33	.327	13	10 ½	2-8	L-4	8-15	8-18
WEST	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	33	18	.647	_	_	7-3	W-4	14-6	19-12
Los Angeles	27	23	.540	5 ½	_	3-7	L-6	15-13	12-10
Texas	24	24	.500	7 ½	2	6-4	W-2	12-12	12-12
Seattle	21	28	.429	11	5 ½	4-6	W-1	12-10	9-18
Oakland	20	33	.377	14	8 1/2	3-7	L-3	7-20	13-13

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	35	17	.673	_	-	8-2	W-6	19-8	16-9
Atlanta	24	27	.471	10 ½	4 1/2	5-5	W-1	14-14	10-13
Miami	20	27	.426	12 ½	6 1/2	3-7	W-1	10-12	10-15
Philadelphia	21	29	.420	13	7	3-7	L-5	11-15	10-14
Washington	18	34	.346	17	11	4-6	L-3	9-18	9-16
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Milwaukee	32	19	.627	_	-	6-4	L-1	14-6	18-13
St. Louis	29	21	.580	2 1/2	-	7-3	W-3	16-11	13-10
Pittsburgh	21	27	.438	9 ½	6	5-5	W-2	11-14	10-13
Chicago	20	29	.408	11	7 ½	5-5	W-1	8-17	12-12
Cincinnati	17	31	.354	13 ½	10	6-4	W-1	9-12	8-19
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Los Angeles	33	16	.673	_	-	6-4	L-2	15-7	18-9
San Diego	30	20	.600	3 ½	_	4-6	L-3	13-10	17-10
San Francisco	27	21	.563	5 ½	-	5-5	W-3	13-11	14-10
Arizona	25	27	.481	9 1/2	4	4-6	L-1	14-16	11-11
Colorado	22	27	.449	11	5 ½	3-7	L-1	15-12	7-15

## **BOX SCORES** N.Y. METS 5, WASHINGTON 0 Washington AB R H BI SO AVG Hernandez 2b 5 0 0 0 2 .282 0 Cruz dh 0 0 .235 0 .304 Bell 1b Hernandez If 3 Franco 3b 1 .258 Garcia ss 3 .250 0 .218 a-Ruiz ph-c 0 0 .273 Strg-Gordon cf 4 1 .293 H BI SO AVG **NY Mets** AB R Nimmo cf 5 0 0 0 0 .284 Marte rf Lindor ss 1 0 0 .261 0 0 .284 Alonso 1b

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Davis dh

**TOTALS** 

Escobar 3h

Guillorme 2b

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0 .253

LOB: Washington 11, New York 8. 2B: Bell (9), Nido (3). RBIs: Nido 3(9), Lindor (43). SF: Lindor. Runners left in scoring position: Washington 5(Ruiz, Hernandez 4); New York 4(Marte, Canha, Nimmo 2). **RISP:** Washington 0for 6; New York 3for 8.

Runners moved up: Escobar GIDP: Strange-Gordon, Guillorme. DP: Washington 1(Hernandez, Garcia, Bell); New York 1(Guillorme, Lindor, Alonso).

WASHINGTON	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lee, L, 0-1	32/3	4	2	2	3	2	4.91
Arano	11/3	0	0	0	0	0	3.68
Edwards Jr.	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.08
Cishek	1/3	2	1	1	0	0	4.43
Finnegan	2/3	0	0	0	0	0	4.19
Weems	2/3	2	2	2	1	0	10.80
Rogers	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	4.56
NY METS	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	ERA
Carrasco, W, 6-1	5	4	0	0	5	5	3.63
Lugo, H, 9	2	1	0	0	0	1	3.38
Ottavino, H, 5	1	1	0	0	1	2	3.86
Diaz	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.49
Inherited runn	ors.	cce	aro.	d. v	ran	o 1.	Λ

Finnegan 2-1, Rogers 1-0. **HBP:** Lee (Alonso). **WP:** Arano, Cishek, Weems **Umpires:** Home, Jordan Baker; First, Alan Porter; Second, Nick Mahrley; Third, Will Little. T: 3:02. **A:** 25,417(41,922).

## **TLATE TUESDAY: TEXAS 3, TAMPA BAY 0** Tampa Bay AB R H BI SO AVG

Tampa Bay	000	000	000	_	0	3 0
	6					
TOTALS	30	3	7	3		
White If	3	0	2	0	0	.217
Smith 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.600
Huff 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.366
Heim c	4	0	0	0	2	.257
Garcia cf	4	1	2	2	1	.227
Calhoun rf	4	0	0	0	2	.265
Garver dh	4	1	1	0	1	.232
Seager ss	4	1	1	1	0	.232
Semien 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.199
Texas	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
TOTALS	30	0	3	0	6	
Brujan rf	3	0	0	0	0	.130
Walls ss	3	0	1	0	0	.154
Zunino c	3	0	0	0	3	.147
Mejia dh	3	0	1	0	1	.246
Paredes 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.208
Arozarena If	3	0	ō	0	1	.260
Diaz 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.255
Margot cf Ramirez 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.327

LOB: Tampa Bay 3, Texas 6. 2B: Garver (6), Semien (9), HR: Seager (11), off Yarbrough; Garcia (8), off Yarbrough. **RBIs:** Seager (24), Garcia 2(31). **SB:** Smith (1), White (9), Garcia (5) Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 1(Brujan); Texas 5(Semien, Seager

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RISP: Tampa Bay Ofor 1; Texas 1 for 7.

IP	н	R	ER	ВВ	so	ERA
		3 0	3 0	0 1	3 3	4.00 0.00
IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
7	3	0	0	0	5	1.42
1	0	0	0	0	1	2.70
	26 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 11/ <sub>3</sub>	26 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 6 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 1 <b>IP H</b> 7 3 1 0	26 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 6 3 1½ 1 0 <b>IP H R</b> 7 3 0 1 0 0	26 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 6 3 3 11/ <sub>3</sub> 1 0 0 IP H R ER 7 3 0 0 1 0 0 0	264/3 6 3 3 0 11/3 1 0 0 1 IP H R ER BB 7 3 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0	1½ 1 0 0 1 3 IP H R ER BB SO 7 3 0 0 0 5 1 0 0 0 0 1

Pitches-Strikes: Yarbrough 87-57; Armstrong 27-15; Pérez 85-60; King 12-8: Barlow 9-5. **Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Yarbrough 8-8; Armstrong 0-0; Pérez 10-4; King 2-0;

Batters Faced: Yarbrough 27; Armstrong 6; Pérez 24; King 3; Barlow

Inherited runners-scored: Armstrong 2-0. HBP: Yarbrough 2(Smith, Smith). Umpires: Home, Ed Hickox: First, Vic Carapazza; Second, Ryan Wills; Third, Jerry Meals. T: 2:21. **A:** 16,317(40,300).

## ON THIS DATE

1928: Les Bell of the Boston Braves hit three home runs and a triple at Braves Field, but the Cincinnati Reds came away with a 20-12 triumph.

1928: The Philadelphia Phillies defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 2-1. All the runs came from three pinch-hit

home runs. 1941: Lou Gehrig died in New York at age 37. **1949:** The Philadelphia Phillies hit five

homers in the eighth inning against the Cincinnati Reds. Andy Seminick hit two and Del Ennis, Willie Jones, and Schoolboy Rowe hit one apiece. Seminick had 1959: The Baltimore Orioles-Chicago White Sox game at Comiskey Park

was delayed for nearly half an hour as a swarm of gnats overcame the field. Groundskeepers tried using bug sprays and torches, but the gnats wouldn't budge. A postgame fireworks display was brought in from center field and a smoke bomb was attached to the framework. The gnats left and the Orioles defeated the White Sox 3-2 2017: Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers records his 2,000 career strikeout.

## GAME 1:

MIAMI 14, COLORADO 1											
Miami	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG					
Chisholm Jr. 2	2b5	2	2	4	0	.275					
Cooper 1b	6	2	3	3	2	.286					
Soler dh	6	3	3	2	0	.225					
Garcia rf	6	0	3	1	1	.213					
Sanchez cf	5	1	3	2	1	.230					
Astudillo 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.250					
Berti ss	4	1	1	0	0	.250					
De La Cruz If-		2	3	2	0	.269					
Fortes c	4	2	1	0	1	.500					
Williams 3b-l		1	2	0	0	.294					
TOTALS	47	14	21	14	5						
Colorado	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG					
Blackmon dh	4	0	0	0	1	.235					
Daza cf	1	0	0	0	1	.356					
Hampson cf	1	0	0	0	0	.200					
Cron 1b	1	0	1	0	0	.311					
Serven 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.238					
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.238					
Joe rf	3	0	0	0	2	.267					
Rodgers 2b	3	1	1	0	1	.255					
Hilliard If	4	0	0	0	3	.188					
Iglesias ss	4	0	1	1	0	.315					
Diaz c	4	0	0	0	1	.203					
TOTALS	30	1	3	1	12						
Miami	01	0 40	3 60	0 -	- 14	21 0					
Colorado	00		0 00		- 1	3 1					

E: Smith (1). LOB: Miami 9, Colorado 8. **2B:** Soler 2(10), Williams (2), Cooper (12), De La Cruz (4), Rodgers (9). HR: Chisholm Jr. (8), off Senzatela. RBIs: Chisholm Jr. 4(31), Garcia (11), Cooper 3(22), Soler 2(27), Sanchez 2(16), De La Cruz 2(8), Iglesias (16). Runners left in scoring position: Miami 4(Sanchez, Fortes 2, Cooper); Colorado 3(McMa-hon, Hilliard 2). RISP: Miami 10for 19; Colorado 1for 6. Runners moved up: Chisholm Jr., Joe. GIDP: Berti. DP: Colo rado 1(Rodgers, Iglesias, Cron).

MIAMI	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cabrera, W, 1-0	6	1	0	0	4	9	0.00
Floro	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.40
Pop	2	2	1	1	0	3	9.00
COLORADO	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Senzatela, L, 2-3	51/3	13	6	6	0	3	5.40
Chacin	2/3	3	2	2	0	1	6.93
Smith	1	5	6				27.00
Estevez	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.40
Grichuk	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Inherited runn	ers	-SC	ore	d: C	hac	in 1	-1.
First-pitch stri	kes	/ba	tte	rs f	ace	d:	
Floro 3/3; Cabi	era	18	/25	; Po	p 5,	/8.	
Chacín 3/5; Gr	ich	uk 1	/3	Ser	izat	ela	
15/28; Estévez	0/3	3; Si	mit	h 5/	11		
HBP: Cabrera 2	2(C	ron,	Da	za),	Sm	ith	

## LATE TUESDAY: TORONTO 6, CHI. WHITE SOX 5

Umpires: Home, Roberto Ortiz; First,

John Bacon; Second, James Hoye; Third, Angel Hernandez. T: 3:00.

White Sox	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Grandal dh	5	0	0	0	3	.163
Vaughn If	5	1	4	2	1	.291
Abreu 1b	3	0	2	0	0	.244
Burger 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.237
Sheets rf	5	1	1	0	1	.210
Engel cf	4	1	1	0	2	.250
McGuire c	4	1	2	1	1	.211
Harrison 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.172
Mendick ss	4	1	2	2	0	.290
TOTALS	38	5	13	5	9	
Toronto	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Springer cf	5	1	2	0	1	.277
Bichette ss	4	1	2	0	2	.257
Guerrero Jr. 1	b 5	0	0	0	1	.249
Hernandez rf	4	2	2	2	1	.185
Kirk dh	4	2	3	4	0	.304
Gurriel Jr. If	3	0	1	0	0	.240
Chapman 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.201
Jansen c	4	0	1	0	1	.286
Biggio 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.111
a-Espinal ph-	2b1	0	0	0	1	.263
TOTALS	36	6	12	6	10	
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a-struck out for Biggio in the 7th. LOB: Chicago 9, Toronto 9. 2B: Vaughn (6), McGuire 2(4), Mendick (3), Hernandez 2(4), Springer (9), Bichette (13).

HR: Vaughn (6), off Gausman; Kirk 2 (3), off Giolito.

RBIs: Vaughn 2(22), Mendick 2(5), McGuire (7), Kirk 4(13), Hernandez 2

Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 3(Grandal, Abreu, Burger); Toronto 5(Hernandez 3, Jansen, Espi

RISP: Chicago 3for 11: Toronto 3for 10. Runners moved up: Harrison. GIDP: Burger, DP: Toronto 2(Gurriel Jr., Biggio, Gurriel Jr.; Chapman, Espinal). WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA Giolito, L, 3-2 Bummer Crick **TORONTO** IP H R ER BB SO ERA Gausman, W,5-3 5 6 3 3 1 Richards 0 3 2 2 1 Cimber, H, 7 1 0 0 0 0 0 V.Garcia, H, 11 1 0 0 0 1 Merryweather, H, 11 2 0 0 0 Romano, S, 16-18 1 2 0 0 0 5 2.51 0 4.79 0 2.01 1 3.15 2 7.24 1 2.66

Y.Garcia, H, 11 1 0 Merryweather, H, 11 2 Romano, S, 16-18 1 2 Richards pitched to 4batters in the 6th I Inherited runners-scored: Lopez 1-0, Cimber 3-1. WP: Lopez. PB: Jansen (1). Umpires: Home, Adrian Johnson; First, Erich Bacchus; Second, Ryan Blakney;

## **AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS** BATTING AVG. G AB R

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T: 3:24. **A:** 25,424(53,506).

J.Martinez Bos	41	160	30	58	.363
Anderson ChW	40	163	24	58	.356
Arraez Min	43	148	25	52	.351
France Sea	49	193	23	67	.347
Devers Bos	50	210	38	72	.343
Benintendi KC	49	181	16	61	.337
Bogaerts Bos	49	184	30	59	.321
Mancini Bal	47	178	16	54	.303
Judge NYY	47	178	39	54	.303
Trout I A A	45	162	37	49	302

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 18; Alvarez. Houston, 14: Trout, Los Angeles, 13: J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 13: Buxton, Minne sota, 11; Stanton, New York, 11; Rizzo, New York, 11: Seager, Texas, 11: Ohtani, Los Angeles, 11; Devers, Boston, 11. Runs Batted In: J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 52: Judge, New York, 38: Story, Boston, 37; France, Seattle, 36; Stanton, New York, 35; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 32; A.Garcia. Texas. 31: 4 tied at 29. **Pitching:** Verlander, Houston, 6-2; Cimber, Toronto, 6-2; Manoah, Toronto,

5-1: Blackburn, Oakland, 5-1: Taillon,

New York, 5-1; 6 tied at 5-2. through Tuesday

## LATE TUESDAY: N.Y. METS 10. WASHINGTON 0

Machineton	A D	ь	ш	DI	60	AVC
	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Hernandez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.289
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0	0	.275
Soto rf	3	0	0	0	0	.232
Bell 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.298
Hernandez di	14	0	0	0	1	.291
Franco 3b	4	0	2	0	1	.258
Stg-Gordon If	-ss4	0	3	0	0	.315
Robles cf	3	0	0	0	1	.242
A.Escobar ss	1	0	0	0	0	.220
a-Thomas ph-	lf 2	0	0	0	2	.195
TOTALS	32	0	6	0	5	
NY Mets	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Canha cf-1b	5	2	4	2	0	.307
Marte rf	5	1	1	2	2	.286
Lindor ss	5	0	1	2	2	.260
Alonso 1b	3	1	1	0	2	.286
Nimmo cf	0	0	0	0	0	.293
Davis dh-3b	5	1	2	0	2	.232
McNeil If	4	2	3	0	0	.318
Plummer If	0	0	0	0	0	.444
E.Escobar 3b	5	2	2	2	1	.229
Medina p	0	0	0	0	0	
Guillorme 2b	5	0	2	2	0	.365
Nido c	4	1	1	0	3	.215
TOTALS	41	10	17	10	12	
Wachington			0 00	_	_ ^	6.0

a-struck out for A.Escobar in the 5th. E: Alonso 2(3). LOB: Washington 8, New York 10. 2B: Canha (2).

HR: Marte (6), off Corbin; E.Escobar (3), **RBIs:** Marte 2(31), Guillorme 2(6), Canha 2(20), Lindor 2(42), E.Escobai

Runners left in scoring position: Washington 2(A.Escobar, Bell); New York 4 (Nido 2, E.Escobar, Davis). RISP: Washington Ofor 2; New York 5

Runners moved up: Lindor. GIDP: Soto. DP: New York 1(Lindor,

Alonso).	• • • •	. **				,,	
WASHINGTON	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Corbin, L, 1-8	41/3		7	7	2	6	6.9
Ramirez	2/3	2	1	1	0		2.6
Perez	1	3	2	2			5.0
Weems	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Cishek	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.0
NY METS	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams, W, 1-3	5	3	0	0	2	1	3.5
Smith	12/3	2	0	0	0	4	2.3
Rodriguez	11/3			0	1	0	
Medina	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.19
Inherited runn	ers	-SC	ore	d: R	ami	irez	3-3,
Rodriguez 1-0.	IBE	<b>3:</b> 0	ff C	orb	in (/	٩lor	ıso).
HBP: Cishek (F	lur	nm	er).	. WP	: Co	orbi	n.
<b>Umpires:</b> Hom	e, V	Vill	Litt	tle; I	Firs	t, Jo	rdar
Baker; Second	, Al	an I	Por	ter;	Thi	rd, I	Nick
Mahrley, T: 3:3	1. 4	: 2	5,26	53(4	1,92	22).	

## LATE TUESDAY: **CHI. CUBS 8, MILWAUKEE 7**

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.266	1	0		0	0	2	rosseau 3b
.212	2	0		0	0	2	Peterson 3b
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.271	1	2		2	2	4	ontreras c
.235	1	1		2	1	4	isdom 3b
.224	2	1		1	0	5	chwindel dh
.283	1	0		0	0	5	oerner ss
.250	0	0		1	0	3	app If
.214	0	0		2	1	2	azier rf
.243	0	0		0	0	0	rtega rf
.200	1	0		0	0	2	vas 1b
.210	0	0		1	1	2	Madrigal 2b
.205	1	1		1	1	2	mmons 2b
.238	0	2		1	1	2	iggins 1b
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Morel (1). HR: Caratini (4), off Wick; Contreras (8), off Lauer; Higgins (2), off Kellev: Wisdom (11), off Boxberger RBIs: Taylor 3 (25), Caratini 3 (10), Tellez (36), Contreras 2 (18), Simmons (6), Higgins 2 (6), Schwindel (24), Wisdom (26). SB: Hiura (2), Frazier (1), Wisdom (2). Runners left in scoring position: Milwaukee 3 (Tellez, Cain, Hiura): Chicago 7 (Wisdom 2, Hoerner, Morel 3, Happ). RISP: Milwaukee 4 for 10; Chicago 3 for 15. Runners moved up: Rivas.

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 Kelley pitched to 4 batters in the 6th
 Inherited runners-scored: Gott 1-1. Givens 2-0. **HBP:** Lauer (Contreras), Wick (Hiura). **WP:** Lauer. **Umpires:** Home, Bill Miller: First, Malachi Moore: Second, Doug Eddings; Third, Brian Knight. T: 3:33. **A:** 30,596(41,649).

## NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG. G AB R H AVG. Goldschmidt StL:48:184:33:65:.353 M.Machado SD;48;180;35;62;.344 McNeil NYM;49;173;26;55;.318 Iglesias Col:39:139:14:44:.317 Cron Col:48:189:30:58:.307 Hosmer SD;47;174;17;53;.305 Bell Was:51:184:27:56:.304 Harper Phi;45;178:34:54:.303 Freeman LAD;49;188;34;57;.303 Yastrzemski SF:39:126:25:38:.302

Home Runs: Betts, Los Angeles, 15; C.Walker, Arizona, 13: Cron, Colorado, 13; Alonso, New York, 13; Pederson, San Francisco, 12; Riley, Atlanta, 12. Runs Batted In: Alonso, New York, 47: Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 43; Lindor, New York, 43; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 41; Cron, Colorado, 37; Tellez, Milwau-

Pitching: T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 6-0; Buehler, Los Angeles, 6-1: Carrasco, New York, 6-1; Musgrove, San Diego 5-0; Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 5-0; K.Thompson, Chicago, 5-0; Webb, San Francisco, 5-1; Lauer, Milwaukee, 5-1; Scherzer, New York, 5-1; 2 tied at 5-2. through Tuesday

## LATE TUESDAY: SEATTLE 10, BALTIMORE 0

Seattle	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Winker dh	4	0	1	1	1	.213
France 1b	3	1	2	1	0	.347
a-Ford ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	.192
Rodriguez cf	5	0	1	1	1	.268
Torrens 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	1	.299
b-Haggerty If	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Suarez 3b	4	2	1	0	1	.220
Frazier 2b-rf	5	2	2	0	0	.259
Moore If-ss	3	3	1	0	0	.160
Trammell rf-c	f 4	1	3	4	0	.353
Raleigh c	4	1	1	3	0	.136
TOTALS	38	10	13	10	4	
Baltimore	AB	R	н	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	1	.236
Mullins cf Mancini dh	4	0	0	0	1 0	.236
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Mancini dh Santander rf Hays If	3	0	0	0	0	.303
Mancini dh Santander rf	3 4	0	0	0	0	.303
Mancini dh Santander rf Hays If	3 4 3 4	0 0	0 2 1	0 0	0 0 1 3	.303 .226 .297
Mancini dh Santander rf Hays If Rutschman c Mountcastle Odor 2b	3 4 3 4	0 0 0 0	0 2 1 0	0 0 0	0 0 1 3	.303 .226 .297 .179
Mancini dh Santander rf Hays If Rutschman c Mountcastle	3 4 3 4 1b4 3 3	0 0 0 0	0 2 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 1 3	.303 .226 .297 .179 .261
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a-singled for France in the 8th b-pinch hit for Crawford in the 8th. LOB: Seattle 8, Baltimore 6. **2B:** Rodriguez (8), Frazier (11), Trammell 2(3), Suarez (10), Urias (9).

3B: Moore (2). RBIs: Rodriguez (23), Trammell 4(5), Raleigh 3(9), Winker (18), France (36). SF: Raleigh, Trammell. Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 3(Raleigh, Rodriguez 2); Baltimore 2 (Rutschman, Mullins). RISP: Seattle 6 for 12: Baltimore Ofor 3

Runners moved up: Frazier. **GIDP:** Mancini. **DP:** Seattle 1(Suarez, Frazier, France).

SEATTLE	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Kirby, W, 1-1 Festa	6 1	4	0	0	1	8 2	3.46 3.94
Elias	2	1	0	0	0	2	3.00
BALTIMORE	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Baker, L, 1-3	11/3	2	3	3	1	1	5.66
Lowther	51/ <sub>3</sub>						8.44
Diplan	11/3	1	0	0	0	2	1.59
Owings	1	2	1	1	0	0	9.00
Inherited runners-scored: Lowther 2-2,							
Diplan 1-0.							
HBP: Kirby (Mancini), Baker (Moore),							

Lowther (Moore). Umpires: Home, Lance Barrett: First, Dan Bellino; Second, Jeremy Riggs; Third, Ramon De Jesus. T: 2:51. A: 8.074(45.971).

## LATE TUESDAY: SAN FRANCISCO 7, PHILADELPHIA 4 (11)

λB	R	Н	ВІ	SO	AVG
6	1	2	0	1	.280
6	1	1	0	3	.255
3	1	1	0	0	.266
3	1	2	2	0	.277
1	0	0	0	1	.236
3	1	0	0	0	.238
5	0	4	2	1	.347
	0	0	0	1	.000
cf2	0	1	1	1	.302
3	0	0	0	0	.222
1	0	0	0	0	.221
4	1	0	0	3	.153
4	1	1	1	0	.227
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3 4 5 1	0 0 1 1	1 1 1 1 0	0 0 0 0	1 1 0 0	.275 .123 .303 .262 .162
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San Francisco 000 030 000 13-7 12 0 Philadelphia 000 102 000 10-4 9 2 a-walked for Longoria in the 5th b-sacrificed for Fairchild in the 5th. c-grounded out for Moniak in the 6th. d-grounded out for Casali in the 7th. e-doubled for Segura in the 7th. f-popped out for Ramos in the 8th. I-ran for Castellanos in the 10th. E: Bohm (7), Familia (2). LOB: San Francisco 11. Philadelphia 14. 2B: Flores (11), Gonzalez 2(8), Walton (4), Harpe (18), Castellanos (13), Stott (2). HR: Pederson (12), off Bellatti.

RBIs: Gonzalez 2(19), Yastrzemski (16), Walton (1), Pederson 2(29), Realmuto 2 (16), Bohm (19), SB: Realmuto (4). SF: Yastrzemski. Runners left in scoring position: San Francisco 6(Ramos, Bart 2, Fairchild 2) Walton); Philadelphia 8(Castellanos 2,

RISP: San Francisco 5for 18: Phila delphia 3for 17. Runners moved up: Ramos, Herrera, Harper GIDP: Estrada, Herrera, DP: San Francisco 1(Estrada, Walton, Flores); Phila delphia 1(Camargo, Segura, Hoskins). SAN FRANCISCOIPH R ER BB SO ERA

Quinn 2, Bohm 2, Camargo, Harper).

Junis 4½ 3 1 1 2
Garcia 4½ 0 0 0 0 1
Breibia 0 3 2 2 1
McGee, BS, 2-4 1 0 0 0 0
Rogers 2 1 0 0 1
Leone 1 1 0 0 1
Doval, BS, 8-10 7½ 1 1 0 0 0
Alvarez, W, 2-1 1½ 0 0 2 2 PHILADELPHIA IP H R ER BB SO ERA 5 2 1 1 1 0 0 0 3 1 2 3 41/3 2 1

Dominguez Familia Bellatti, L, 1-2 Brebbia pitched to 4batters in the 6th **Pitches-Strikes:** Junis 64-40; García 12-5; Brebbia 13-7; McGee 6-5; Rogers 33-22; Leone 19-13; Doval 11-7; Álvarez 25-16: Suárez 100-58: Nelson 32-21: Brogdon 16-13; Domínguez 22-13; Familia 26-17; Bellatti 12-7. Batters Faced: Junis 18: García 3:

Brebbia 4; McGee 2; Rogers 8; Leone 5; Doval 3; Álvarez 6; Suárez 21; Nelson 8; Brogdon 4; Domínguez 5; Familia 6; Inherited runners-scored: Garcia 1-0, McGee 3-1, Alvarez 1-0, Nelson 2-2, Dominguez 1-0.

IBB: off Leone (Harper), off Familia (Crawford), off Alvarez (Harper). Umpires: Home, David Rackley: First.

Larry Vanover: Second, Junior Valen-Third, Sean Barber. T: 4:52. A: 20,927(42,792).

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TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
LAA	TBD	G1	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
NYY	TBD	1:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Min	Archer (R)		0-2	4.19	4-5	0-0	4.0	2.25	0-1	12.0	3.75
Det	Faedo (R)	1:10p	1-2	3.00	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	3.75
TB	Kluber (R)	-	1-2	4.03	4-5	1-0	13.1	2.03	0-0	15.0	3.00
Tex	Hearn (L)	2:05p	3-3	5.36	5-4	0-1	5.1	1.69	1-1	14.2	5.52
ChW	Cueto (R)		0-1	2.41	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	18.2	2.41
Tor	Manoah (R)	3:07p	5-1	1.77	6-3	0-0	11.0	1.64	1-1	20.9	1.80
LAA		G2	3-3	3.45	3-5	0-0		94.50	0-1	18.0	
NYY	Ohtani (R) Taillon (R)	7:05p	5-3 5-1	2.49	3-5 7-2	1-1		94.50		20.0	4.00 1.80
	, ,	1:05p									
Sea	Flexen (R)		2-6	4.47	2-7	0-0	0.0	0.00		16.1	4.96
Bal	Lyles (R)	7:05p	3-4	4.26	4-6	1-1	12.0	3.75	1-1	1.80	4.00
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SF	Wood (L)	TIME	<b>W-L</b> 3-4	4.81	1 <b>K</b> 4-5	0-0	0.0	0.00		<b>IP</b> 13.0	<b>ERA</b> 7.62
эг Mia	Alcantara (R)	6:40p	5-4 5-2	2.00	4-5 6-4	0-0	5.0	3.60		25.0	0.72
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Was	Adon (R)		1-8	6.08	1-9	0-0	0.0	0.00		15.1	4.11
Cin	Ashcraft (R)	6:40p	1-0	1.69	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	10.2	1.69
SD	Manaea (L)		2-3	4.02	4-5	0-0	0.0	0.00		20.0	4.50
Mil	Houser (R)	7:40p	3-5	3.69	3-6	0-0	6.0	1.50	0-2	16.0	3.38
StL	Liberatore (L)		1-0	3.72	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	9.2	3.72
ChC	Thompson (R)	8:05p	5-0	1.58	3-0	0-0	9.2	3.72	2-0	14.0	1.93
Δtl	Anderson (R)		3-3	4.34	5-4	0-0	3.0	12.00	0-2	17.2	4.58
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## RESULTS, SCHEDULE

**AMERICAN LEAGUE** WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Houston 5, Oakland 4 Seattle at Baltimore, late Chi. White Sox at Toronto, late Cincinnati at Boston, late Minnesota at Detroit, late Tampa Bay at Texas, late L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.

FRIDAY'S GAMES Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:05p.m.

Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05p.m. L.A. Angels at Philadelphia, 7:05p.m. Minnesota at Toronto, 7:07p.m. Chi. White Sox at Tampa Bay, 7:10p.m. Seattle at Texas, 8:05p.m. Houston at Kansas City, 8:10p.m. Boston at Oakland, 9:40p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

G1: Minnesota 8, Detroit 2 G2: Detroit 4, Minnesota 0 Cleveland 8, Kansas City 3 Seattle 10, Baltimore 0 N.Y. Yankees 9, L.A. Angels 1 Cincinnati 2, Boston 1 Texas 3, Tampa Bay 0 Toronto 6, Chi. White Sox 5 Houston 3, Oakland 1

## **NATIONAL LEAGUE**

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS St. Louis 5, San Diego 2 N.Y. Mets 5, Washington 0 G1: Miami 14, Colorado 1 Atlanta 6, Arizona 0 San Francisco at Philadelphia, late G2: Miami at Colorado, 6:55p.m. Cincinnati at Boston, late Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, late Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

St. Louis at Chi. Cubs, 2:20p.m. San Francisco at Miami, 6:40p.m. Washington at Cincinnati, 6:40p.m. Arizona at Pittsburgh, 7:05p.m. L.A. Angels at Philadelphia, 7:05p.m. San Diego at Milwaukee, 8:10p.m. Atlanta at Colorado, 8:40p,m N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10p.m.

THESDAY'S RESULTS Cincinnati 2, Boston 1 N.Y. Mets 10, Washington 0 St. Louis 3, San Diego 2 (10) San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 4 (11) Chi. Cubs 8, Milwaukee 7 Arizona 8, Atlanta 7 (10) Pittsburgh 5, L.A. Dodgers 3 Miami at Colorado, ppd.

## **AROUND THE HORN**

**■ Phillies:** Two-time National League MVP Bryce Harper was a late scratch from the lineup prior to Wednesday night's home game against the Giants due to right forearm soreness. The news came hours after the slumping Phillies learned second baseman Jean Segura would be sidelined for up to three months. Harper has been the team's designated hitter after being diagnosed with a small UCL tear in his right elbow, which he hurt on a throw from right field in April. The 29-yearold had a platelet-rich plasma injection in his injured right elbow on May 15 and then missed the next five games to recover. He has been back in the lineup since, and was in manager Joe Girardi's original lineup for the final contest of the three-game series against the Giants. Harper, who last played in the field on April 16, is batting .303 with 10 homers and 32 RBIs in 45 games. The Phillies entered Wednesday's play having lost five in a row and 12 of 16. They'll try to make up ground without Segura, one of their most reliable defensive players and consistent hitters, batting .275. He will have surgery as early as Friday and miss 10 to 12 weeks.

■ Mets: Tomás Nido went 4-for-4 with three RBIs at the bottom of the batting order, Carlos Carrasco combined with three relievers on a second consecutive shutout and the Mets beat the Nationals 5-0 to finish a perfect six-game homestand. Francisco Lindor extended his RBI streak to 10 games, matching Hall of Famer Mike Piazza for the second-longest in franchise history. The Mets (35-17) began the day with a 10 ½-game lead in the NL East, tied with the 1971 Giants for the largest in NL history entering June. Carrasco (6-1) matched his career high with five walks and pitched out of trouble all afternoon against the last-place Nats.

He needed 95 pitches to get through five innings but

stranded eight runners. ■ Astros: Justin Verlander took a no-hitter into the seventh, Yordan Álvarez cleared the bases with a go-ahead double in the ninth and the Astros beat the A's 5-4 to complete a threegame sweep. Elvis Andrus broke up Verlander's no-hit bid with an RBI double in the seventh that tied the game at 1. Christian Bethancourt followed with a two-run HR his first drive since 2016, to give the A's a 3-1 lead. The visiting Astros responded with four runs in the ninth, keyed by Álvarez's three-run double. Aledmys Díaz and Alex Bregman also drove in runs for the Astros, who won their fourth in a row. The 39-year-old Verlander came within seven outs of his fourth career no-hitter, which would have tied Sandy Koufax for secondmost in MLB history behind only Nolan Ryan's seven. He also lost a no-hitter in the eighth against the Twins on May 10, a sign the two-time Cy Young Award winner is back in prime form following Tommy John surgery that sidelined him for all of the 2021 season. Verlander finished with six strikeouts in seven innings, allowing three earned runs on two hits for a no-decision.

■ Marlins: Rookie RHP Edward Cabrera took a no-hitter into the sixth and struck out nine in earning his first big league win, Jazz Chisholm Jr. homered and drove in four, and the Marlins had 21 hits in routing the host Rockies 14-1 in the first game of a doubleheader. The second game ended too late for this edition. Cabrera, a 24-yearold from the Dominican Republic, used a fastball topping out at 99 mph with a slider and changeup to baffle the Rockies' lineup. He allowed one hit over six innings, overcoming four walks and two hit batters in the Marlins' second win in seven games.

## **HIGH SCHOOL TRACK**

## Windsor boys, girls sweep Class MM titles

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN - — Last year,

the Windsor girls took home a state outdoor track championship. The boys did not, finishing fourth.

Wednesday night at Willow Brook Park, the Warriors brought home two titles, both in Class MM. The boys scored 91 points, beating runner-up Hand (70). The girls won another title, outscoring Hillhouse, 106.5-80.

"For us to come and win both boys and girls, we train together, the team is so close," coach Kelvan Kearse said. "For us both to win is really satisfying."

Windsor senior Justin Dawkins was the only double winner for the boys, finishing first in the 100 (11.30) and 200 (22.54).

"This brought out the dogs in us, really, and we came out with the dub," Dawkins said. "We were really upset [last year] but we knew we had a year to get it done."

Dawkins said he felt good in

both of his races.

"The 200, that's really my groove. I knew that was my race," he said.

Dawkins and his teammate Achillius White went 1-2 in the 100. The girls, meanwhile, won the

4x800 relay and Alana Martin won the 100 hurdles and the Warriors scored everywhere else.

The Windsor girls won the Class L title last year but the Warriors were dropped down to Class MM.

Kearse brought a shopping bag full of snacks that read "Together" on the front. He realized it at the meet.

"The bag I chose to carry it actually says 'Together' because that's the only way to win this championship," Kearse said. "Both of the teams came together and it was a true team effort."

It rained for about an hour during the meet but the races went on.

RHAM's Calhoun wins 3,200:

RHAM's Liam Calhoun won his first state championship in the 3,200 meters in 9:32.81 Wednesday night. He chose to run one race — he was ranked first in the 3,200, third in the 800 and second in the 1,600 — and he picked the 3,200 and won it handily.

"I was balancing what's my best chance and what do I care about the most," he said. "I never thought I'd be a 32 guy until this season. I've run three seasons in a row for the first time since COVID messed it up the last two years and I think that helped my endurance. I'm excited to race the awesome guys at the Open."

**E.O.** Smith boys break meet record: The E.O. Smith boys 4x800 relay team of Jacob Robinson-Smey, Evan Boland, Matthew Enright and Jack Mattingly broke a meet record from 2004, winning in 8:00.67. The record (8:03.24) was set by Lyman Hall.

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place. Obviously it worked out.

"We go back and forth a lot. Both the Sherrys, I love racing them. It's great to have that consistent competition."

The Hillhouse boys won the team championship with 111.5 points, beating runner-up Simsbury by 11.5 points.

The E.O. Smith girls won their first team title since 1998 and second outdoor title with 78.5 points, but it was close. The Panthers led by a half point over runner-up Simsbury with one event togo after winning the 4x400 relay. E.O. Smith's high jumper Avery Pitts then finished second (5 feet, 4 inches) for the final score.

"We knew it was going to be close going in," coach Darren Dale said. "We have a balanced team."

Sophomore Gabriella Hernandez held off last year's Class L champion Olivia Birney of Simsbury to win the 800 in 2:16.12. Birney finished second in 2:16.65. Hernandez also anchored E.O. Smith's winning 4x400 relay (4:04.52) and the 4x800 relay

(9:20:01)

"I felt pretty strong [at the finish]," Hernandez said of her 800 victory. "It's always a good feeling.

"It was definitely a goal but I didn't know if I would do it. If you mentally think about wanting it more, it can happen."

Simsbury's Watson sets state high jump record: With the high jump bar set at 7 feet, ¾ inch, Simsbury senior Tim Watson missed on his first two attempts.

The first time he clipped the bar with his heel. He was feeling pretty good about that until his second attempt when he went right into the bar.

"I was getting in my head a little bit, I'm not going to lie, after that second attempt," said Watson, who is going to Penn State next year.

He cleared it on his last attempt. "I've felt like I could do it since indoor season," he said. "I was just waiting for the right time, right place."

**Gavin Sherry competes in the 4x800:** Gavin Sherry, last year's State Open and Class L 1,600 and 3,200 champion who is recov-

ering from a stress reaction suffered late in the indoor season. anchored Conard's 4x800 relay to a third-place finish (8:08.55) behind Simsbury and Amity. Callum Sherry scratched out of the 3,200, coach Ron Knapp said, because he wasn't planning on running it in the State Open, instead focusing on his training for the national outdoor two-mile championship. ... Local girls winners were: Simsbury's Victoria Francis in the 200 meters (26.18), freshman Leah Farrell of Cheshire in the 400 (58.50), Shaelyn Murphy of Maloney in the high jump (5-4), Sarah Warden of Farmington in the pole vault (10-0) and Mackenzie Fitzsimons of Bristol Central (javelin, 119-6). On the boys side, Cheshire's Colin Brown won the 100 (10.94), while Simsbury took home titles in the 800 (Lucas Thompson, 1:57.67), the 4x100 and the 4x800 relays and pole vault (Connor Aldrich, 11-6). ... Hillhouse's Gary Moore Jr. set a state record in the discus (192-10) and won the shot and

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The Southington baseball program honored its late coach Charlie Lembo with a message at their home field. The Blue Knights defeated Hall, 4-1, in the CIAC Class LL second round on Wednesday. **JOE ARRUDA/HARTFORD COURANT** 

## Baseball

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brought the program there in all 10 of his seasons at the helm.

Connor Whitehead took to the mound to start the game against the Warriors and pitched a gem, similar to the one he threw the last time the two teams met on April 14. In that game Whitehead struck out 11 Warriors in seven innings of work, allowing just one earned run.

"I looked at the box score (from April 14) and was like, 'He's going again,'" Southington interim head coach Stan Switala said. "(Whitehead's) got the best breaking ball on the team right now, and they struggle with the breaking ball – that's why I went with him."

Whitehead had to work his way out of a jam in the first before he quickly settled in. He finished five innings with two strikeouts, allowing just four hits and one walk. The Warriors, however, did score in the top of the fifth inning after a pitch in the dirt got past Southington catcher Aylward and allowed Hall's Brian Chelli to cross the

Whitehead, who played for Lembo, said, "We're doing this for him – I feel like that's our job."

The Blue Knights struggled to get runs on the scoreboard early against Warriors starting pitcher Cole Kocienda. In the middle of the fourth inning, Switala called the team together as they ran off the field. "I said, 'Connor is shoving right now. He's giving everything he has right now, so we've got to put the runs together.' Our model the whole year is play for a run every inning – and that's what we did."

The knockout punch, however, came from a sophomore who never played for the late coach.

Frank Buotot walked up to the plate in the bottom of the fifth inning, feeling like he needed to come up big for the team with a runner on second and two outs. The lefty anticipated a first-pitch fastball and when it came, he turned on it and blasted it deep over the right field fence just inside the foul pole.

"It's just overwhelming, honestly. Adrenaline was pumping, I barely even knew what to do with myself, but it was great," Buotot said of being mobbed by his teammates as he stomped on home plate.

North Carolina signee Jackson Rusiecki added an insurance run for the Blue Knights in the bottom of the sixth inning when

he drilled a line drive that dipped and deflected off Hall left fielder Alex Ciafone's glove, allowing Colin Crowley to sprint home from second base making the score 4-1.

The win sets up a rematch in the quarterfinals between Southington and No. 5 Newington, which defeated the Blue Knights, 12-5, on May 20.

"That's what we wanted," Switala said. "We've been waiting for Newington. They beat us on our home field, and now, it's time."

Lembo led the program to four state title games, but none of his teams were able to accomplish the feat. This year, however, the Blue Knights want to do it for him.

"We want to give back to him, his family and his legacy. It's just very important for us to keep going for him because he would tell us to keep going," Switala said.

"It's been tough for the kids. There's some kids that are very connected with him that have known him for years and every time — even when we go into our breakdown — it's Coach Lembo this, Coach Lembo that. This season is all for him and his family. And they're getting it done. I think we're riding high going into Newington with this."

## **CONNECTICUT SUN**

## Miller out of protocols, will return to sidelines

**By Lila Bromberg** Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Sun will have head coach and general manager Curt Miller back on the sidelines for Thursday's rematch against the Las Vegas Aces.

Miller missed the last two games, along with assistant Brandi Poole and forward Joyner Holmes, in health and safety protocols for COVID-19. Poole is no longer listed on the injury report, but Holmes remains out.

Assistant Chris Koclanes took over the helm in Miller's absence, leading the Sun to a 79-71 win over the Washington Mystics last Saturday. Connecticut (6-3) then lost 89-81 on Tuesday to the first-place Aces, who are off to a 9-1 start under new head coach Becky Hammon.

Thursday night's contest is set to tip off at 10 p.m. and will stream on Facebook. The Sun then continue their West Coast trip with games against the Phoenix Mercury on Friday and the Seattle Storm on Sunday.

On Tuesday, A'ja Wilson had 24 points and 14 rebounds, Jackie Young scored 21 points and the Aces won their seventh straight game for the best 10-game start in team history.

The Aces led 50-42 at halftime. Connecticut went on a 14-2 run

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Connecticut	M	FG	FT	RB	Α	PF	P
Bonner	31	6-15	2-6	0	1	2	14
A. Thomas	34	6-12	0-0	11	6	2	12
J. Jones	30	3-4	1-2	13	1	3	8
Williams	26	6-18	0-0	3	4	1	13
Hiedeman	24	3-9	0-0	2	4	2	8
B. Jones	19	5-8	2-2	3	0	3	12
Carrington	16	2-6	0-0	3	1	2	4
Anderson	14	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	- 2
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Three-point goals: 6-22, 27.3 (Clouden 2-2, Hiedeman 2-7, J. Jones 1-2, Williams 1-4, Carrington 0-2, Bonner 0-5). FG pct.: 43.6. FT pct.: 58.3. Turnovers: 14(J. Jones 3, Carrington 3, A. Thomas 2, Williams 2, Anderson 2, Hiedeman, B. Jones). Blocks: 3(J. Jones 3). Steals: 7 (A. Thomas 2, Bonner, Williams, Hiedeman, B.

Jones, Anderson).									
Las Vegas	M	FG	FT	RB	Α	PF	PT		
Plum	31	7-15	1-1	4	7	1	18		
Hamby	32	3-5	3-3	8	1	1	9		
Wilson	30	9-19	5-7	14	2	2	24		
Young	37	8-15	4-5	5	3	4	21		
Gray	32	5-13	2-2	3	6	1	13		
Sheppard	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Plaisance	16	0-5	0-0	3	1	2	0		
Stokes	14	1-1	2-2	1	0	3	4		
Bell	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Colson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
TOTALS	_	33-73	17-20	38	20	14	89		
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1-4, Young 1-4, Gray 1-4, Hamby 0-1, Plaisance 0-5). FG pct.: 45.2. FT pct.: 85.0. Turnovers: 14 (Plum 4, Gray 3, Hamby 2, Wilson 2, Young 2, Stokes). Blocks: 4(Wilson 2, Gray, Stokes). Steals: 9(Young 3, Gray 3, Hamby, Wilson, Plaisance).

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Las Vegas 23 27 22 17 — 89 Officials: Brewton, Walker, Kallio. Att.: 4,693at Michelob ULTRA Arena, Las Vegas, Nev.

to get within 87-79 with a minute to play, but the Aces put their starters back in and Wilson scored in the paint.

An Associated Press report is included in this story.

## Amore

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"So if anything, it's motivation, if I get to see people that disagree with them. But what really matters is it *doesn't* matter. You've just kind of got to throw it out the window and focus on what I can control and that's working hard and helping us win games."

Maybe first overall is stretching it, but Levis' stock is rising and there is more behind it than just a desire to troll the draftniks. Those writing about individual teams, too, are projecting Levis, albeit it way too early.

Levis, from Madison, set most of Xaver-Middletown's passing records as a senior, but couldn't crack the starting lineup at Penn State, where he earned a degree in three years. He transferred to Kentucky to play out his remaining eligibility, pursue a master's degree in finance. And he had himself a monster season in 2021, completing 66 percent of his passes for 2,826 yards, 24 TDs, 13 interceptions. rushing for another 376 yards and nine TDs. He led the Wildcats to a 10-3 record, including a win over Iowa in the Citrus

"After four or five starts last year I just got to a level of comfort I had never been before," Levis said. "In the middle of the season that comfort set in and I was able to play with so much more confidence. I didn't have to think as much. Things start to slow down and it becomes easier for you."

Suddenly, a powerful athlete at 6 feet 3 and 232 pounds, who was considered a better fit for other positions, is seen as an elite quarterback. He's one of a half a dozen, including Glastonbury's Tyler Van Dyke at Miami, who could go in the first round next year.

"I'm very grateful and very blessed to be in the position I'm in right now," Levis said. "It is crazy how much the outlook of your life can change just in a year like that."

It should not be a total surprise that Levis is eyed as a franchise quarterback. He creates a buzz off the field, as well as on with his social media and name-image-likeness presence. Levis, who became a TikTok legend by eating bananas, skin and all, and putting mayonnaise in his coffee, is an athlete who came along at the right time.

Last week Levis did a deal with Epic Games and Fortnight, the video game company. "A video game I've been playing since my freshman year of high school," he said. "T've been taking time to learn about the Crypto and NFT [non-fungible tokens] space."

Levis and Van Dyke had the benefit of the same quarterback tutor. Travis Meyer, who has coached quarterbacks in Connecticut for 12 years. He began working with Levis at age 11.

"He was polite, he was nice, smart as hell," Meyer said, "and he just worked. He listened, he was coachable. The best ones are always the ones who are most coachable."

Said Levis: "Travis was really the first person to ever get me to



Kentucky quarterback Will Levis from Madison and Xavier High, is appearing high in NFL Draft projections for 2023, in some cases, the very first pick. **PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP** 

understand the fundamentals and the physics and the 'why' of throwing a football. He's still one of the most impressive football and physics minds that I've ever met."

Levis and Meyer exchanged texts during the season and had a long conversation at the Walter Camp dinner, where Van Dyke and Levis shared Connecticut player of the year honors. Meyer watches Levis' feet, and will tell him on occasion, for example, that he has them too narrow at the top of his drop.

"He's so freakishly strong, big and athletic now, when he throws the ball he can just flick his wrist and throw it downfield," Meyer said. "I don't know if there's someone who can match him. It's not just arm strength where someone can throw the ball hard or rally far, though he does both of those things, it's how quick it comes out and how accurately it comes out.

"[The draft talk], it's kind of jumping the gun a little bit, but of all kids that I have trained, Will could definitely be up there. So it's a little surreal."

After spring practice, Levis spent some time at home with his family in Madison, took a Caribbean vacation, and toured facilities where he might do his predraft training. Before going back to school to start the grind, Levis stopped in Las Vegas, not to bet on himself, mind you, but perhaps to experience something of things to come.

Through his marketing agency Levis got a ticket for "The Match," a private golf competition with Tom Brady, Aaron Rogers, Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes going on this week.

"Being a huge golf fan and being a fan of those guys, especially Tom Brady, who I've idolized since I was born, that's probably going to be the coolest thing that's happened," Levis said. "I'm hoping to at least be able to introduce myself."

In due time Levis may be playing golf and football with them

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## SCOREBOARD

## **NBA PLAYOFFS**

**FINALS SCHEDULE** #2 Boston vs. #2 Golden State G1: Thursday: vs. Golden State, 9 p.m. G2: Sunday: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m. G3: June 8: at Boston, 9 p.m. **G4: June 10:** at Boston, 9 p.m. x-**G5: June 13:** at Golden State, 9 p.m. x-G6: June 16: at Boston, 9 p.m.

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x-G7: June 19: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.

NBA FINAI	LS TALE OF THI	E TAPE
WARRIORS	STAT	CELTICS
53-29	Season Record	51-31
111.0(15th)	Points/Game	111.8(12th)
105.5(3rd)	Points Allowed	104.5(1st)
+5.5 (5ht)	Scoring diff.	+7.2 (2nd)
46.9 (10th)	Field goal pct.	46.6(15th)
40.5 (17th)	FG made	40.7 (13th)
86.4 (21st)	FG attmpets	87.4(18th)
36.4(8th)	3-point pct.	35.6(14th)
14.3(3rd)	3-pts made	13.2(8th)
39.4(3rd)	3-pt attmpts	37.1 (9th)
55.7(3rd)	2-point pct.	54.7(6th)
26.2 (24th)	2-pts made	27.5(18th)
47.0 (29th)	2-pt attempts	50.3(23rd)
76.9(17th)	Free throw pct.	81.6(2nd)
15.6 (26th)	FT made	17.0(14th)
20.3 (26th)	FT attempts	20.9 (24th)
9.8(20th)	Off. rebounds	10.5 (11th)
35.7(2nd)	Def. rebounds	35.5(4th)
45.5 (7th)	Total rebounds	46.1(5th)
27.1 (5th)	Assists	24.8 (14th)
1.8	Assist/turnover	
8.8 (4)	Steals	8.2 (18)
4.6 (18)	Blocked shots	8.8 (2) 13.0(14)
14.3 (29)	Turnovers	13.0(14)
36.8 (11th)	Bench scoring	30.2 (2nth)
74.2 (18th)	Starter scoring	81.5 (5th)
56.0 (15th)	1st half scoring	
54.9 (11th)	2nd half scoring	
27.9 (18th)	1st qtr scoring	
26.4 (1th)	4th qtr scoring	
5.0 (30th)	OT scoring	13.3 (8th)
14th	Pace of Play	24th
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21.0 (4)	Personal fouls	18.5 (26)
	SEASON SERIES	
1-1	Season record	1-1
99.5	Points per game	108.5

6.0	Blocks per game	3.0
10.0 T	urnovers per gar	ne 13.0
WARRIORS	STAT	CELTICS
12-4	Postseason reco	d 12-6
114.5(1st)	Points/Game	107.1(8th)
109.1(8th)	Points Allowed	101.0(2nd)
37.9% (4th)	3pt FG %	36.2% (8th)
13.5(3rd)	3pt made	13.4 (4th)
35.6 (6th)	3pt attempts	37.1(2nd)
36.5% (11th	) Opp. 3PT % 3	31.7% (2nd)
49.3 (3rd)	Field goal %	45.4 (7th)
42.3 (1st)	FG made	37.0 (10th)
44.1 (3rd)	Opp. FG%	43.3 (2nd)
75.5 (13th)	Free throw pct.	81.0 (4th)
57.5 (1st)	2pt FG%	53.0 (10th)
28.8 (3rd)	2pt FG	23.6 (13th)
44.8 (4th)	Rebounds	42.8 (7th)
28.3 (1st)	Assists	24.2 (5th)
6.8 (8th)	Steals	6.5 (11th)
5.1 (5th)	Blocked shots	6.3 (3rd)
21.8 (9th)	Personal fouls	22.2(12th)
14.0(12th)	Turnovers /game	e 13.3(9th)
through Co	nference finals	

Rebounds per game

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Golden State	16	.493	.379	.755	114.5
Memphis	12	.435	.365	.735	112.5
Denver	5	.476	.357	.794	110.0
<b>New Orleans</b>	6	.462	.354	.780	109.8
Minnesota	6	.443	.388	.810	109.2
Brooklyn	4	.503	.422	.738	109.0
Phoenix	13	.497	.363	.817	107.6
Boston	18	.454	.362	.810	107.1
Dallas	18	.449	.380	.771	106.3
Philadelphia	12	.465	.373	.849	104.5
Miami	18	.445	.313	.804	104.2
Toronto	6	.446	.299	.794	103.2
Milwaukee	12	.438	.327	.731	102.8
Utah	6	.443	.274	.786	99.0
Atlanta	5	.440	.326	.782	97.4
Chicago	5	.404	.283	.833	95.2
Average	10	.457	.352	.786	106.6

## POINTS/GAME G FG FT PTS PPG Anttknmpo, MIL 12 140 91 380 31.7 15 160 104 475 31.7 5 61 28 155 31.0 17 166 111 466 27.4 Doncic, DAL Morant MFM

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS** 

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	7	3	.700	_
Connecticut	6	3	.667	1/2
Atlanta	6	3	.667	1/2
Chicago	5	3	.625	1
Indiana	3	9	.250	5
New York	2	7	.222	4 1/2
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	9	1	.900	_
Seattle	5	3	.625	3
Dallas	5	4	.556	31/2
Los Angeles	5	6	.455	41/2
Phoenix	2	7	.222	61/2
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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS New York 87, Indiana 74 Atlanta 84, Minnesota 76

THURSDAY'S GAME

Connecticut at Las Vegas, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES New York at Washington, 7p.m. Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30p.m. Connecticut at Phoenix, 10p.m. Dallas at Seattle, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES No games scheduled.

**ODDS** 

TUESDAY'S RESULTS Washington 87, Indiana 75 Chicago 73, Phoenix 70 Las Vegas 89, Connecticut 81 Los Angeles 93, Dallas 91

MLB		THURS	DAY
NATIONAL LEA	GUE		
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Miami	Off	San Francisco	Off
at Cincinnati	-130	Washington	+110
at Milwaukee	-124	San Diego	+104
at Chi Cubs	Off	St. Louis	Of
Atlanta	-144	at Colorado	+124
at LA DODGER	S Off	NY Mets	Of
AMERICAN LE	AGUE		
Minnesota	-128	at Detroit	+108
Tampa Bay	-120	at Texas	+102

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at LA DODGERS	SOff	NY Mets	Off
AMERICAN LEA	AGUE		
Minnesota	-128	at Detroit	+108
Tampa Bay	-120	at Texas	+102
at Toronto	-183	Chi White Sox	(+158
at NY Yankees	-122	Angels (G1)	+102
at NY Yankees			
Seattle	-123	at Baltimore	+103

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<b>NBA FINALS</b>	;	Т	HURS	DAY
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDE	RDOG
at Golden Sta	te 4	$(212\frac{1}{2})$	В	oston
<b>ODDS TO WIN</b>	NBA F	INALS S	ERIES	
Golden State	-150	Boston		+130
SERIES CORRI	ECT SC	ORE		
Warriors defe	at Cel	tics 4-2		+375
Warriors defe	at Cel	tics 4-3		+375

Warriors defeat Celtics 4-2	+375
Warriors defeat Celtics 4-3	+375
Warriors defeat Celtics 4-1	+450
Celtics defeat Warriors 4-2	+475
Celtics defeat Warriors 4-3	+575
Celtics defeat Warriors 4-1	+950
Warriors defeat Celtics 4-0	+1250
Celtics defeat Warriors 4-0	+1450
Series Correct Score after 3 Ga	ames
Warriors lead Celtics 2-1	+130
Celtics lead Warriors 2-1	+175
Warriors lead Celtics 3-0	+475
Celtics lead Warriors 3-0	+800
Series Correct Score after 4 Ga	mes
Spring Tipd 2-2	±1/E

HI CUP PLAYOFES	THUE	SDAY
eltics sweep Warriors 4	1-0	+1450
arriors sweep Celtics 4		+1250
eltics lead Warriors 3-1	L	+300
arriors lead Celtics 3-	1	+220
eries Tied 2-2		+145

NHL CUP FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE -176 Edmonton ODDS TO WIN SERIES
Tampa Bay -175 NY Rangers
Colorado -430 Edmonton For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

**CONFERENCE FINALS** EASTERN CONFERENCE Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Rangers Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers, late Friday: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m. Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m. June 7: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m. x-June 9: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m. x-June 11: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m. x-June 14: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE Colorado 1. Edmonton 0 May 31: Colorado 8-6. Thursday: at Colorado, 8 p.m. Saturday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Monday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m. x-June 8: at Colorado, TBA x-June 10: at Edmonton, TBA x-June 12: at Colorado, TBA

PLAYOFF GOALS	ΙFADE	RS
TOTAL GOALS		GP

Evander Kane	EDM	13	13	4
Zach Hyman	EDM	13	9	4
Nathan MacKinnon	COL	11	9	6
David Perron	STL	12	9	4
Jake Guentzel	PIT	7	8	2
Chris Kreider	NYR	14	8	3
Connor McDavid	EDM	13	8	21
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	13	7	21
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	6	7	1
Jordan Kyrou	STL	12	7	2
Gabriel Landeskog	COL	11	7	6
Ryan O'Reilly	STL	12	7	5
Mika Zibanejad	NYR	14	7	1
POWER PLAY GOALS	TM	GP	GF	PG
Nathan MacKinnon	COL	11	9	4
Ryan O'Reilly	STL	12	7	4
T.J. Oshie	WSH	6	6	4
David Perron	STI	12	9	4

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Corey Perry	TBL	11	5	3
GAME WINNING GO	ALS	GP	GP	PG
Chris Kreider	NYR	14	8	3
Carter Verhaeghe	FLA	10	6	3
Filip Chytil	NYR	14	5	2
Andrew Cogliano	COL	8	2	2
Ross Colton	TBL	11	5	2
Johnny Gaudreau	CGY	12	3	2
Evander Kane	EDM	13	13	2
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	6	7	2
Joe Pavelski	DAL	7	3	2
David Perron	STL	12	9	2
through Tuesday				

## USFL

Mika Zibaneiad Leon Draisaitl Zach Hyman

Kirill Kaprizov Nikita Kucherov

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All games in Birmingham, Ala

NORTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	6	1	0	.857	152	118
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	176	177
Michigan	1	6	0	.143	131	144
Pittsburgh	1	6	0	.143	92	164
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA
x-Birmingham	7	0	0	1.000	188	125
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	167	128
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	125	154
Houston	1	6	0	.143	156	177
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FRIDAY'S GAME Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME New Orleans at Birmingham, 3p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES Michigan at Philadelphia, noon Houston at Tampa Bay, 4p.m. WEEK 9

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 New Jersey vs Michigan, noon Houston vs. Birmingham, 5p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12** Tampa Bay vs. New Orleans, 3p.m. Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh, 6:30p.m.

SOCCER						
MLS EASTERN	w	L	т	PT	GF	GA
New York City FC	8	3	2	26	25	10
Philadelphia	6	1	7	25	19	10
CF Montréal	7	5	2	23	28	26
N.Y. Red Bulls	6	3	5	23	24	15
Orlando City	6	5	3	21	17	20
Cincinnati	6	7	1	19	21	25
Inter Miami CF	5	6	3	18	15	22
Charlotte FC	5	8	1	16	13	18
Columbus	4	5	4	16	17	16
Atlanta	4	5	4	16	20	20
New England	4	5	4	16	22	23
Toronto FC	4	7	3	15	21	27
D.C. United	4	7	2	14	17	23
Chicago	2	7	5	11	13	20
WESTERN	W	L	Т	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	9	3	2	29	29	16
FC Dallas	7	3	4	25	24	13
Real Salt Lake	7	3	4	25	17	17
Austin FC	7	4	3	24	28	18
LA Galaxy	7	5	2	23	17	15
Nashville	6	4	4	22	18	16
Houston	5	6	3	18	17	17
Minnesota United		6	3	18	15	15
Colorado	5	6	3	18	16	17
Seattle	5	6	1	16	15	16
Portland	3	6	6	15	21	25
Vancouver	4	7	2	14	14	23
San Jose	3	6	5	14	25	32
Sporting KC	3	8	4	13	13	26

SATURDAY'S MATCH al Salt Lake at Vancouver, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 New York at Charlotte FC, 3p.m. San Jose at Nashville, 6p.m.

**U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE** Wednesday: vs. Morocco, late June 5: vs. Uruguay at Children's Mercy Park, Kansas City, Kan.5 p.m. n-June 10: vs. Grenada, 10 p.m. n-June 14: vs. El Salvador, 10 p.m. w-Nov. 21: TBA, 2 p.m. w-Nov. 25: vs. England, 2 p.m. w-Nov. 29: vs. Iran, 2 p.m. n-March 23, 2023: vs. Grenada, TBA n-March 26, 20203: vs. El Savador, TBA

w-FIFA World Cup, Qatar **U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE** June 25: vs. Colombia, at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, Commerce City, Colo., 7:30 p.m.

June 28: vs. Colombia, at Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah, 10 p.m. v-July 4: vs. Haiti, 7 p.m. v-July 7: vs. Jamaica, 7 p.m.

v-July 11: at Mexico, 10 p.m.

v-CONCACAF W Championship

NWSL						
CLUB	W	L	Т	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	4	2	0	12	8	3
OL Reign	2	1	3	9	5	4
Angel City FC	3	2	0	9	4	3
Houston	2	1	2	8	6	3
Louisville	2	2	2	8	6	6
Orlando	2	2	2	8	9	12
Chicago	2	1	1	7	9	7
Portland	1	1	3	6	6	5
Washington	1	1	3	6	5	5
Gotham FC	2	2	0	6	4	5
Kansas City	1	4	1	4	3	9
North Carolina	0	3	1	1	3	6

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Chicago at Washington, late

FRIDAY'S MATCHES Orlando at Houston, 8:30p.m. Angel City FC at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES OL Reign at Chicago, 3p.m. Washington at Gotham FC, 7p.m. North Carolina at Louisville, 8p.m. San Diego FC at Kansas City, 8:30p.m.

**TUESDAY. JUNE 7** Houston at Angel City FC, 10p.m.

126TH FRENCH OPEN Wednesday at Stade Roland Garros. Paris, Red-clay, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS #20 Marin Cilic d. #7 Andrev Rublev.

5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(2).

TIME: 4:10.	RUBLEV	CILIC
Aces	15	33
Double faults	2	2
First serve	55%	58%
Win on 1st srv pct.	78%	74%
Win on 2nd srv pct.	54%	56%
Max serve speed	132 mph	132 mph
1st srv avg. speed	121 mph	123 mph
2nd srv avg. speed	85 mph	94 mph
RECEIVING POINTS		
Break points won	2-8	2-7
Receiving points wo	n 63-186	52-159
Winners	35	88
Unforced errors	31	71
Forced errors	56	64
Net points won	11-12	17-24
TYPE OF SHOTS		
Ground Strokes	462	505
Overhead Shots	0	2
Passing Shots	13	2
Volley Shots	2	9
Approach Shots	2	3
Drop Shots	12	11
Lob Shots	8	0
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#8 Casper Ruud d. Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6(2), 6-3.

TIME: 3:15.	RUUD	RUNE
Aces	13	1
Double faults	4	4
First serve	68%	55%
Win on 1st srv pct.	79%	67%
Win on 2nd srv pct.	50%	44%
Max serve speed	128 mph	128 mph
1st srv avg. speed	117 mph	109 mph
2nd srv avg. speed	96 mph	94 mph
RECEIVING POINTS	•	
Break points won	5-17	3-6
Receiving points wo	n 62-143	36-118
Winners	55	54
Unforced errors	24	46
Forced errors	39	43
Net points won	20-31	34-49
TYPE OF SHOTS		
Ground Strokes	451	440
Overhead Shots	6	10
Passing Shots	28	13
Volley Shots	6	28
Approach Shots	8	6
Drop Shots	13	32
Lob Shots	22	9

**WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS** #1 Iga Swiatek d. #11 Jessica Pegula.

#32 Daria Kasatkina d. #29 Veronika Kudermetova, 6-4, 7-6(5).

THURSDAY FEATURED MATCHES #1 Iga Swiatek vs. #20 Daria Kasatkina #18 Coco Gauff vs. Martina Trevisan

**MEN'S ROAD TO SEMIFINALS** #3 ALEXANDER ZVEREV

R1: Sebastian Ofner, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 R2: Sebastian Baez, 2-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5 R3: Brandon Nakashima, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3, R4: Bernabe Zapata Miralles, 7-6 (13-11), 7-5, 6-3 **QF:** #6 Carlos Alcaraz, 6-4, 6-4, 4-6,

**#5 RAFAEL NADAL** R1: Jordan Thompson, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 R2: Corentin Moutet, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 R3: #26 Botic Van De Zandschulp, 6-3, R4: #9 Felix Auger-Aliassime, 3-6, 6-3, QF: #1 Novak Djokovic, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2,

SF: vs. #3 Alexander Zverev

**SF:** vs. #5 Rafael Nadal.

#8 CASPER RUUD **R1:** Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 6-7 (6-8), 7-6 (7-4), 6-2, 7-6 (7-0) R2: Emil Ruusuvuori, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 **R3:** #32 Lorenzo Sonego, 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 R4: #12 Hubert Hurkacz, 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 **QF:** vs. Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6(2), 6-3. SF: vs. #20 Casper Ruud

R1: Attila Balazs, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2 **R2:** Marton Fucsovics, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 **R3:** Gilles Simon, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 **R4:** #2 Daniil Medvedev. 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 QF: #7 Andrey Rublev, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6

SF: vs. #8 Casper Ruud **WOMEN'S ROAD TO SEMIFINALS** R1: Lesia Tsurenko, 6-2, 6-0

RI: Lesia I Surenko, 6-2, 6-0 R2: Alison Riske, 6-0, 6-2 R3: Danka Kovinic, 6-3, 7-5 R4: Qinwen Zheng, 6-7 (5-7), 6-0, 6-2 QF: #11 Jessica Pegula, 6-3, 6-2. SF: vs. #20 Daria Kasatkina #18 COCO GAUFF

R1: Rebecca Marino, 7-5, 6-0 R2: Alison Van Uytvanck, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) R3: Kaia Kanepi, 6-3, 6-4 R4: vs. #31 Elise Mertens, 6-4, 6-0 OF: Sloane Stephens, 7-5, 6-2. SF: vs. Martina Trevisan

**#20 DARIA KASATKINA** R1: Rebecca Sramkova, 6-2, 6-0 R2: Fernanda Contreras Gomez, 6-0, 6-3 **R3:** Shelby Rogers, 6-3, 6-2 **R4:** #28 Camila Giorgi, 6-2, 6-2 QF: vs. #29 Veronika Kudermetova, SF: vs. #1 Iga Swiatek

MARTINA TREVISAN R1: Harriet Dart, 6-0, 6-2 R2: Magda Linette, 6-3, 6-2 R3: Daria Saville, 6-3, 6-4 R4: Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 7-6 (12-10),

OF: #17 Levlah Fernandez, 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3. **SF:** vs. #18 18 Coco Gauff

## PGA TOUR STATISTICS

FedExCup Season Points 1, Scottie Scheffler, 3,142. 2(tie), Sam Burns and Cameron Smith, 2,101. 4, Justin Thomas, 1,568. 5, Hideki Matsuyama, 1,544. 6, Max Homa, 1,438. 7, Patrick Cantlay, 1,410. 8, Jordan Spieth, 1,357. 9, 8tied with 1,309.

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Scoring Average

1, Rory McIlroy, 69.150. 2, Cameron

Smith, 69.153. 3, Shane Lowry, 69.355.

4, Matt Fitzpatrick, 69.357. 5, Justin Thomas, 69.450. 6, Scottie Scheffler, 69.537.7, Cameron Young, 69.674. 8, Russell Henley, 69.827. 9, Tommy Fleet wood, 69.828. 10, Sam Burns, 69.829. **Driving Distance**1, Cameron Champ, 326.1. 2, Matthew

Wolff, 320.7. 3, Rory McIlroy, 320. 4, Wyndham Clark, 319.5. 5, Jon Rahm, 318.7. 6, Jhonattan Vegas, 318.1. 7, Joseph Bramlett, 317.4. 8, Cameron Young, 317.2. 9, Trey Mullinax, 316.5. 10, Brandon Hagy, 316.2.

**Driving Accuracy Percentage** 1, Ryan Armour, 74.85%. 2, Brian Stuard, 71.66%. 3, Abraham Ancer, 70.06%. 4, Chez Reavie, 69.97%. 5, Bren don Todd, 69.63%. 6, Vaughn Taylor, 69.26%. 7, Jim Herman, 69.19%. 8, Kevin Streelman, 69.15%. 9, Tyler Duncan 68.61%. 10, Lucas Glover, 68.35% Greens in Regulation Percentage
1, Jon Rahm, 72.75%. 2, Russell Knox,
71.67%. 3, Scottie Scheffler, 71.63%. 1, Mito Pereira, 70.77%. 5, Sungjae Im 70.44%. 6(tie), Seamus Power and Will Zalatoris, 70.37%. 8, Charles Howell III, 70.11%. 9, Cameron Smith, 70.06%. 10,

Xander Schauffele, 70.00% SG-Putting
1, Brian Gay, 1.068. 2, Tyrrell Hatton, .991. 3, Lucas Herbert, .913.4, Beau Hossler, .747.5 (tie), Denny McCarthy and Brendon Todd, .721.7, Martin Trainer, .709.8, Kelly Kraft, .682. 9, Cameron Smith, .681. 10,

Matt Fitzpatrick, .672. **Birdie Average** 1, Cameron Smith, 5.19. 2, Justin Thomas, 4.96. 3, Scottie Scheffler, 4.82. 4, Patrick Cantlay, 4.59. 5(tie), Viktor Hovland and Cameron Young, 4.52. 7, Sam Burns. 4.5. 8. Hideki Matsuyama 4.43. 9, Xander Schauffele, 4.4. 10, Davis Riley, 4.38.



Top-ranked Iga Swiatek celebrates after beating 11th-seeded Jessica Pegula 6-3, 6-2 on Wednesday to advance to the semifinals of the French Open in Paris. THIBAULT CAMUS/AP

## **FRENCH OPEN**

## Swiatek streak gets boost from no-call

'20 champ rides umpire's miss to 33rd straight win, semi berth

By Howard Fendrich Associated Press

PARIS – Iga Swiatek benefited from the chair umpire's no-call on a double bounce that gave her a key first-set service break during a match-altering five-game run and the French Open's No. 1 seed moved into the semifinals with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Jessica Pegula on Wednesday.

Swiatek extended her winning streak to 33 matches, the longest on tour since Serena Williams won 34 in a row in 2013.

Swiatek next will face No. 20 Daria Kasatkina in one women's semifinal Thursday, when the other will be No. 18 Coco Gauff, an 18-year-old American, against unseeded Martina Trevisan, a 28-year-old player from Italv.

Only Swiatek has previously participated in the final four at a major tournament, losing in the semifinals at the Australian Open in January and taking the title at the 2020 French Open when she was ranked outside the top 50.

"This year it's a little bit different, because I'm not an underdog," she said, "and everything has changed, honestly."

Kasatkina beat No. 29 Veronika Kudermetova 6-4, 7-6 (5) in a match between two Russian players who will not be allowed to compete at Wimbledon later this month because of that country's invasion of Ukraine.

Theirs was a mistake-filled quarterfinal, with the players combining for 75 unforced errors, 50 by Kudermetova.

That allowed Kasatkina to win despite coming up with just 16 winners over the course of 165 points.

"It was a roller coaster," said Kasatkina, who hadn't reached a major quarterfinal

"Just happy with the way I stayed on the court and didn't put myself in the situation where I was disappointed and stuff. So really happy with this mental part."

In the men's quarterfinals Wednesday, 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic got to the French Open semifinals for

the first time by hitting 33 aces to defeat No. 7 Andrey Rubley 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (10-2) in 4 hours, 10 minutes.

The 20th-seeded Cilic, a 33-year-old from Croatia who compiled 88 total winners to Rublev's 35, is one of five active men to have made it to at least the semifinals at each of the four major tournaments.

Cilic will face No. 8 Casper Ruud of Norway on Friday for a berth in the final. The 23-year-old Ruud beat 19-year-old Holger Rune of Denmark 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (2),

A day after her 21st birthday, Swiatek wasn't at her dominant best against the 11th-seeded Pegula, a 28-year-old from Buffalo, New York, whose parents own the NFL's Bills and NHL's Sabres.

"Getting old, but still fresh," Swiatek wrote with a silver marker on the lens of a courtside TV camera.

## At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO THURSDAY: American teenager Coco Gauff will try to reach her first Grand Slam final when she faces Martina Trevisan of Italy in the semifinals at Roland Garros. The 18-year-old Gauff is seeded 18th at the French Open, where she lost in the quarterfinals a year ago. The 28-year-old Trevisan is ranked 59th. The other women's semifinal Thursday is top-seeded Iga Swiatek of Poland against 20th-seeded Daria Kasatkina of Russia. Swiatek has won her last 33 matches, the longest streak on the women's tour since Serena Williams put together a 34-match run in 2013. Swiatek is the only member of the final four who ever has been this far at any Slam. She won the 2020 French Open and then lost in the semifinals at the Australian Open this

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Women's quarterfinals: No. 1 lga Swiatek beat No. 11 Jessica Pegula 6-3, 6-2; No. 20 Daria Kasatkina beat No. 29 Veronika Kudermetova 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Men's quarterfinals: No. 20 Marin Cilic beat No. 7 Andrey Rublev 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (10): No. 8 Casper Ruud beat Holger Rune 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

## IN BRIEF

## Avs, Oilers aim to shore up defenses

Avalanche goaltender Darcy Kuemper remains questionable for Game 2. Same with the Oilers' Mike Smith.

Same with the defense in front of them,

for that matter. To put it kindly, the defense for the Avs and Oilers was shaky in Game 1 of a Western Conference final that produced 14 goals and 84 shots. It was the highest-scoring conference finals game in 37 years.

There could be more fireworks in store Thursday night. That's just the byproduct of the fast-paced style both teams like to play even if it may come at a cost on the other end.

"As a group, we can be better defensively," said Avalanche defenseman Cale Makar, who had a goal and two assists in his team's 8-6 win at home.

Betting on adjustments being made?

"I would expect it to tighten up because I'm sure they're feeling the same way," Avs coach Jared Bednar said. "You're not going to win a lot of playoff games when you give up six or seven."

Bednar had no status update on Kuemper, who left in the second period with what the team said was an upper-body injury. Kuemper allowed three goals on 16 shots

before departing.
Backup Pavel Francouz took over and surrendered three goals on 21 shots.

There are goaltender quandaries on the Oilers' side, too. Smith was taken out in the second period after allowing six goals on 25 shots. Mikko Koskinen held the Avs in check — one goal on 21 shots.

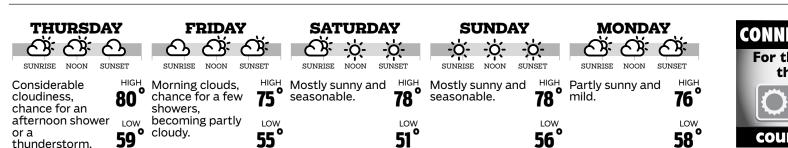
Oilers coach Jay Woodcroft was noncommittal about his net situation Wednesday. Smith also was yanked during a 9-6 loss in Game 1 against the Flames in the second round, only to respond with four straight

**Golf:** Three-time PGA Tour winner Bart Bryant was killed when a truck slammed into his SUV while he was stopped in a line of vehicles on a central Florida road for a construction crew, authorities said. Bryant, 59, was unresponsive when emergency responders in Polk City found him Tuesday afternoon. He was taken to a hospital where he died. His wife, Donna, 49, also was in the vehicle and was taken to a hospital with minor injuries. Bryant's older brother, Brad, also won on the PGA Tour.

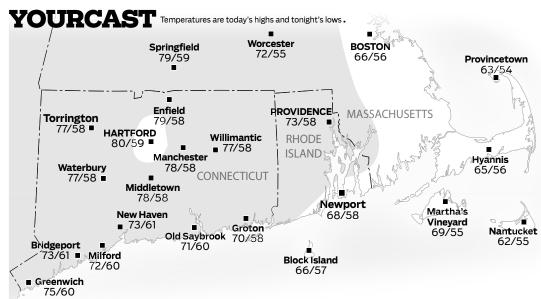
**NBA:** The Nets deferred the acquisition of the 76ers' 2022 first-round pick at No. 23 to the 2023 draft, ESPN reported. The pick was part of the James Harden trade.

NFL: The U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform invited NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Commanders owner Dan Snyder to appear at a hearing later this month. Committee members say they sent letters to the league and team requesting Goodell and Snyder appear June 22. Congress launched an investigation into the organization's workplace culture last year after the league declined to release a report about an independent review it oversaw that led to a \$10 million fine. ... The Cowboys announced that former RB Marion Barber III died at the age of 38. The cause of death wasn't yet known. Barber, who played at Minnesota in college, played for the Cowboys from 2005-10 and was named to Pro Bowl in 2007. He spent the 2011 season — his final year in the NFL with the Bears.

## WEATHER







## heated up during the middle and end of the month finishing 3.9 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 3.4 degrees above normal, while low temperatures were 4.3 degrees above normal. Precipitation finished the month at 2.88 inches or 0.91 inches below normal. There were ten days with measurable precipitation and over 60 percent of the total rainfall occurred solely on May 28th. Bridgeport temperatures averaged 1.1 degrees above normal and rainfall was exactly one inch below normal. -Gary Lessor **ALMANAC** 30-day Precipitation History In Inches

1.5

After a cool start to May in the Greater Hartford area, temperatures

Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.07	0.15
Month to date	0.07	0.15
Total this year	17.65	18.04
Precipitation, temperat Windsor Locks	ure at	:

**Air Quality Forecast For Today** 

Moderate

5

Ultraviolet

Index

Today

Moonrise 7:27 a.m. 8:23 a.m.

**Moon Phase** 

Stockholm

Sydney

Tel Aviv

Toronto

Vancouver

Tokyo

Last

June 20

Moonset 11:29 p.m.

Full

June 14

G000

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Quality

Sunrise

First

June 7

603

Philadelphia 81/66/SH

85/64/PC

Miami 88/74/T

82 58 PC

90s.3

90s 88/69/PC

Tampa

90 78 PC Budapest

90/75/PC

Washington D.C. Sunset

Kingston

London

Madrid

Milan

**Mexico City** 

Lebanon

70s

High Trees and

Grasses

Pollen

5:18 a.m. 5:18 a.m.

8:19 p.m. 8:20 p.m.

Count Index

Tomorrow

New

June 28

56 47 SH

64 48 PC

79 62 PC

82 64 C

73 57 PC

68 57 PC

Heat

OUTLOOK

## 1.0 0.5 0.0 **Tides** High Temp. Low N.L. State Pier a.m. 6:33 a.m. 63 12:29 p.m. 6:25 p.m. Saybrook Jetty 1:02 a.m. 7:26 a.m. 1:40 p.m. 7:18 p.m. Connecticut River 3:45 a.m. 11:12 a.m. at Portland 4:23 p.m. 11:04 p.m. Madison 1:16 a.m. 7:37 a.m. 62 1:53 p.m. 7:45 p.m. New Haven 1:36 a.m. 8:01 a.m. 61 2:13 p.m. 8:09 p.m. Stamford 1:40 a.m. 8:15 a.m.

River Stage at Hartford: 3.77 feet at 5:30 p.m.

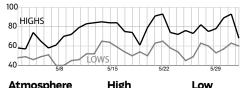
2:17 p.m. 8:23 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	Fog	Fog	Fog
Wind	SW/SE, 5	SW/S, 5	SW/SE, 5
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	1-3 ft.

<b>Temperature</b> Wednesday	<b>High</b> 68 at 11:49 p.m	<b>Low</b> 60 at 5:53 a.m
Normal for date	76	53
Record for date	95 in 1937	37 in 2020
A year ago	79	43
Range this year	93	-2

## Last **Cooling Degree Days** Season Season Normal For Jan 1 - June 1 98 50 37

## 30-day Temperature History



## Atmosphere High 30.02 at 7 a.m. 29.91 at 4 p.m. Barometer 48° at 1 p.m. 56° at 12 a.m. Dew point

# Seattle

Denve

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80s

75/50/PC 70s

El Paso

90/69/PC

80s

83 61 T San Juan

60s

709

70s

Dallas / 82/69//T

Minneapoli

Kansas City

.90/71/PC

80

Chicago 76/54/PC

## AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above.

83 61 C Nashville

70s

75/58/C

San

Francisco

70/55/PC

80s 70s

Los

70/51/PC

Angeles 905

Phoenix 104/77/S

Billings

80s 70s

80s

Portland 70/50/C

Burlington	71 57	Ċ	Bismarck	72 3	37 S	New Orleans	91	73 PC	Tucson	102	71	S	Buenos Aires	55	45 P	'nC
Caribou	70 47		Boise	83 5	57 C	New York	76	63 SH	WORLD				Cairo	92	69	S
Concord	67 53		Buffalo	71 5	52 PC	Okla. City	72	59 SH	WORLD				Cancun	81	71	Т
Montpelier	67 51		Charleston	93	73 S	Omaha	78	55 PC	Amsterdam	66	48	S	Dubai	102	82 P	C
Mt. Wash.	50 40		Cincinnati	74 5	54 PC	Orlando	92	71 PC	Athens	88	70	S	Dublin	63	50 S	Н
Portland	61 51	-	Cleveland	66 5	53 PC	Pittsburgh	73	51 SH	Bangkok	97	81	Т	Edinburah	62	49 P	C
Woods Hole	66 54		Indianapolis	75 5	55 PC	Raleigh	95	68 PC	Barbados	87	76	Т	Helsinki	59	48 S	iΗ
WOOUS HOLE	00 34	C	Jacksonville	92 (	58 S	St. Louis	78	60 PC	Beijing	95	68	S	Hong Kong	81	80 S	н
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Albuquerque	86 62		Milwaukee	73 5	52 PC	San Diego	69	61 PC	Bermuda	81	74	PC	Johannesburg			_
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Montreal 70 61 PC Warsaw 77 59 R Moscow 88 75 SH Nassau New Delhi 106 81 PC WESTERN Paris 75 57 S CONNECTICUT 73 50 PC Prague UNIVERSITY Rome 93 72 Weather Center 81 66 Seoul Singapore 93 77

86 77 C

72 61 SH

70 54 PC

84 61 PC

93 71 PC

84 66 R

## **LOCAL SCOREBOARD**

72 51 PC

## TUESDAY'S LATE **HIGH SCHOOL** RESULTS

**NEW ENGLAND** 

30s

40s

Anchorage 70s Anchorage 72/51/S Juneau

609

75/45/S

Honolulu

Baltimore

85/72/PC

## BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments Class L-First Round r Bracke **EAST LYME 18, ROCKVILLE 2** R 200-000-**0-**2-3-2 EL 303-309-**x-**18-17-2 WP: Alex Dreyfus. LP: Joe Stawski. Rec.: EL-12-9; R-11-10.

## SOFTBALL

CIAC State Tournaments Class **S**—First Round Upper Bracket FAST WINDSOR/SMSA 6. HOLY CROSS 5 HC 000-100-**4-**5 EWS 102-000-**3-**6

WP: Abby Lee. LP: Samantha Lawton. Rec.: EWS—13-8; HC—11-10. Note: Lee had 8strikeouts and was 3-for-4with 2 RBI. Alex Witzke was 2-for-4with 2RBI and Samantha Corrado was 2-for-4with

THOMASTON 6. CANTON 2 T 020-010-**3**—6-8-1 C 000-200-**0**—2-3-2 WP: Sloan Walmsley, LP: Alice Butter-

field. **HR: T**—Emma Sanson, Kristen Foell. Rec.: **T**—10-8; **C**—13-8. **Note:** Joy Shand was 2-for-3for Canton.

## **BOYS GOLF**

PORTLAND 150, OLD SAYBROOK 171 Medalist: Luke Stennett, Portland, 31at Portland GC.

## **BOYSTRACK & FIELD**

CIAC State Tournaments CLASS LL CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN), 4 P.M. Top 10**teams:** 1. Hall, 103.5; 2. Greenwich, 82; 3. NFA, 80; 4. Southington, 71; 5. Manchester, 51; 6. Norwalk, 41; 7. Ridgefield. 34.5; 8. Fairfield Ludlowe, 34; 9. Danbury, 28; 10. Staples, 26. 100**meters:** 1. Dangelo Aristilde, NFA,

**200:** 1. Andrew O'Donnell, Greenwich, 22.05.

400: 1. Andrew O'Donnell, Greenwich, 800: 1. Jalen St. Fort, Staples, 1:54.60. 1,600: 1. Aidan Puffer, Manchester,

3,200: 1. Aidan Puffer, Manchester,

9:07.85 110**hurdles:** 1. Glendon Dawson, NFA,

300hurdles: 1. Zion Paul, Norwalk, 4x100**relay:** 1. NFA (Stephen Lee,

Dangelo Aristilde, Jeremiah Paul, Aldon Dawson), 42.46. **4x400:** 1. Greenwich (Harrison Goldenberg, Gianluca Bianchi, Zachary Jelinek, Andrew O'Donnell), 3:22.50. 4x800: 1. Hall (Jamie Rendon, Jake Ludgin, Tobias Ruffo, Gabriel Sisk),

Long jump: 1. Christopher Hergott, Hamden, 22-0. Triple **jump:** 1. Michaelly Luc, NFA,

High **jump:** 1. Duke Quermorllue, Norwalk, 6-4. Pole **vault:** 1. Steven Ditelberg, Fairfield

Ludlowe, 14-1. Javelin: 1. Jack Freyler, Southington, Discus: 1. Jordan Ribeiro, NFA, 152-10.

Shot **put:** 1. Jordan Ribeiro, NFA, 51-2.

## GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
CLASS LL CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
Top 10teams: 1. Glastonbury, 118; 2.
Danbury, 87.5; 3. Greenwich, 63.5; 4. Ridgefield, 54: 5. Hall, 52: 6. Conard 45; 7. NFA, 41; 8. Southington, 37.5; T-9. East Hartford at Trumbull, 32. 100meters: 1. Alanna Smith, Danbury,

**200:** 1. Alanna Smith, Danbury, 24.65. **400:** 1. Alanna Smith, Danbury, 55.65. **800:** 1. Kali Holden, Trumbull, 2:14.32. 1,**600:** 1. Kali Holden, Trumbull, 4:57.49.

3,200: 1. Katherine Rector, Ridgefield, 100**hurdles:** 1. Audrey Kpodar, Danbury,

16.40. 300**hurdles:** 1. Elaine Mathews, Ridge

4x100**relay:** 1. McMahon (Sofia Aguilar, Shaniya Young, Emily Legere, Jade Ferdinand), 49.38. 4x400: 1. Glastonbury (Riley Carroll. Meghan Smith, Alyssa Healy, Molly Harding), 3:58.54. 4x800: 1. Glastonbury (Ava Gattinella.

Kelley MacElhiney, Jacqueline Caron, Annika Paluska), 9:35.02. Long **jump:** 1. Jasmyn Bransford, NFA, 16-7.5.

Triple jump: 1. Tia Stapleton, Fairfield Ludlowe, 36-7.75. High **jump:** 1. Tia Stapleton, Fairfield

Pole vault: 1. Anna Hilary, Glastonbury, 9-6.

Javelin: 1. Makenzie Marek, Southing-

ton 102-11 **Discus:** 1. Layla Spann-McDonald, Glastonbury, 118-5. Shot put: 1. Anna Siciliano, Hall, 35-9.5.

## **WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS**

## BASEBALL

**CIAC State Tournaments** Class LL-Second Round Upper Bracket NEWINGTON 7, SHELTON 6 S 004-011-**0-**6-9-3 N 011-400-1-7-9-3 **WP:** Shaun Callahan. **LP:** Joe Ciccone. Rec.: **N-**19-3; **S-**12-10. **Note:** Callahan was 2-for-4with 2RBI and Nick DiCoccio was 2-for-4with a double for Newington. **SOUTHINGTON 4. HALL 1** XAVIER 10, NEW CANAAN 5 DANBURY 10, NAUGATUCK 4 Lower Bracket GLASTONBURY 6, RIDGEFIELD 2
FAIRFIELD WARDE 6, CONARD 0 STAPLES 8, AMITY 2 TRUMBULL 3, WEST HAVEN 0 Class L—Second Round Upper Bracket WINDSOR 5, GUILFORD 2 G 001-100-**0-**2-4-1 W 230-**000-**5-6-3 **WP:** Mason Glickman. **LP:** Sam Ametrano. Rec.: **W**-21-1; **G**-12-10. LYMAN HALL 9, BERLIN 4 MIDDLETOWN 5, TORRINGTON 4 HAND 7, POMPERAUG 5 WETHERSFIELD 9, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 6
EAST LYME 3, BROOKFIELD 0 NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 15, FITCH 2
Class M—Second Round Upper Bracket SUFFIELD 8, LEDYARD 4 **KILLINGLY 8, ROCKY HILL 1** BARLOW 4, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 1

Lower Bracket
WATERFORD 8, ELLINGTON 3 NORTHWESTERN 14, WOLCOTT 3 WOODLAND 11, GRASSO TECH 2 LAW 8, WATERTOWN 7 Class S-Second Round

Upper Bracket
ST. PAUL 3, ST. BERNARD 1 (8) SB 000-000-**01**-1-2-2 SP 000-000-**03**-3-6-1

WP: Joey Tonnotti. LP: Aidan Whitten. HR: SP—Casey Cerruto. Rec.: SP—23-1; SB—11-10. Note: Cerruto hit a walk-off 3-run homer in the bottom of the 8th. Ryan Daniels was 2-for-4with a double, run scored for St. Paul. Brendon Foley started for St. Paul and had 12strikeouts.
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 10, WINDSOR

NORTH BRANFORD 9, COGINCHAUG 5 IMMACULATE 6, LYMAN MEMORIAL 3 Lower Bracket OLD LYME 5, COVENTRY 0 OL 001-031-**0-**5-7-0 C 000-000-**0-**0-2-2 WP: Aidan Ward. LP: AJ Rooks. Rec.: OL-12-10; C-17-7. Note: Ward tossed a 2-hit shutout with 3strikeouts, no walks, Owen Snurkowski had 2hits, 2

RBI and Jack Porter had 2hits, 2runs

scored. Rooks and Matt LaFountain

each had 2hits for Coventry.

**VALLEY REGIONAL 15. PLAINFIELD 1** SOMERS 15, TOURTELLOTTE 4 OXFORD 5, HOLY CROSS 3

## **CIAC State Tournaments**

Class LL-Second Round DANBURY 3, SHELTON 1 (8) WEST HAVEN 6, STAPLES 5 Lower Bracket
MALONEY 18, CONARD 6(6)

SOUTHINGTON 10, NORWALK 0
HALL 3, NAUGATUCK 2
FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 9, FAIRFIELD WARDE 0 Class L—Second Round

Upper Bracket BRISTOL EASTERN 4, LAW 4 ST. JOSEPH 8, E.O. SMITH 0 MASUK 4, NORTH HAVEN 0 **EAST HAVEN 9, TORRINGTON 2** Lower Bracket **AVON 9. BERLIN 0** 

ELLINGTON 2, FORAN 0 WATERFORD 6, LEDYARD 2 FITCH 1. GUILFORD 0 Class M-Second Round Upper Bracket
NORTHWESTERN 15, WINDHAM 2 (5)

W 200-**00-**2-2-9 N 643-**2x-**15-8-1

WP: Annabelle Jabs. LP: Analise Escarraman. **HR:** N—RaeLynn Perregaux. Rec.: N—19-2; W—12-11. **Note:** Escarraman stuck out 6, finishing the season with 309strikeouts. Perregaux had a WOODLAND 15. PLAINVILLE 1 (5)

WATERTOWN 5, NONNEWAUG 3 HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 20. WILCOX

**TECH 4 (5)**WT 000-**40**—4-2-3
HK (15)10-**40**—20-21-0 WP: Kaleigh Bodak. LP: Chloe Enger. Rec.: HK—19-2; WT—14-9. Note: Bella LaTorre, had a triple, double, 6RBI and Cheyenne LaTouche had 2hits, 5RBI.

SHEEHAN 21, PLAINFIELD 14 **SEYMOUR 14. O'BRIEN TECH 3** OXFORD 7, LAURALTON HALL 0 Class S—Second Round Upper Bracket CROMWELL 12, EAST WINDSOR 0 (5) OLD LYME 4, COGINCHAUG 3 HALE-RAY 9, WHEELER 7

LYMAN MEMORIAL 10, THOMASTON 6 Lower Bracket
COVENTRY 7, IMMACULATE 6 SOMERS 4, ST. BERNARD 0 NORTH BRANFORD 22, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 0 SHEPAUG 7, HOUSATONIC 0

## **BOYS LACROSSE**

CIAC State Tournaments Class **L**—First Round Upper Bracket DARIEN 22, WESTHILL 1
GREENWICH 15, AMITY 2
NEW MILFORD 10, FAIRFIELD WARDE 2 FAIRFIELD PREP 21, BRANFORD/EAST Lower Bracket FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 8, SIMSBURY 1 RIDGEFIELD 22, SOUTHINGTON 3 NEW CANAAN 14, GLASTONBURY 4 STAPLES 22, NFA 1 Class M—First Round Upper Bracket CHESHIRE 15, XAVIER 3
HAND 15, ST. JOSEPH 9

WILTON 17, POMPERAUG 2 WETHERSFIELD 13. E.O. SMITH 3 AVON 11, WATERTOWN 4 EAST CATHOLIC 10, GUILFORD 5 **NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 20, EAST** Class **S**—First Round Upper Bracket

**BARLOW 11. FARMINGTON 7** 

SHEEHAN 17, MORGAN 4
WATERFORD 17, OLD LYME 8 **WESTON 20, GRANBY 1** Lower Bracket
ELLINGTON 6, STONINGTON 3 NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 12, FORAN 7 CANTON 13, NEW FAIRFIELD 7 SOMERS 16, HOLY CROSS 6

## **BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

CIAC State Tournaments Class **L**—First Round Upper Bracket ENFIELD 3. SHELTON 2 (21-25, 25-16, **25-18, 24-26, 15-8) E:** Evan Murphy, 33assists, 13digs

John Bellafronte, 16kills, 7digs, 4aces, 1block; **S:** Evan Murrell, 17digs, 5kills, 2aces, Thomas Kopec, 9kills, 9digs, 2 aces Per • F = 18-4• S = 11-8 RIDGEFIELD 3, HALL 0 (25-15, 25-20,

NEWTOWN 3. FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-19) Lower Bracket

25-23, 25-22) NB: Davin Siharath, 40assists, Lexus

25-18, 25-10) CONARD AT SOUTHINGTON, LATE NORWALK AT TRUMBULL, LATE

Class M-First Round Upper Bracket

25-14, 25-17, 25-22) N: Trey Guest, 22kills, 6digs, 3blocks, Jacob Lawless, 42assists, 8digs, 4 blocks, Dakota Hawes, 11kills, 4blocks, Rec.: N-13-9: P-11-11 CHESHIRE 3, MALONEY 0 (25-17, 25-15, 25-20)

Lower Bracket

Anthony Santini, 36assists: S: Ander son Piller, 22assists. Rec.: SW-12-6;

PUTNAM AT MASUK, LATE

## **BOYS GOLF**

SCC CHAMPIONSHIP (THE FARMS CC,

Team **results:** 1. Fairfield Prep, 304; 2. Cheshire, 320; 3. Guilford, 331; 4. Xavier, 333: T-5, Hand and Shelton 336; 7. Notre Dame-West Haven, 338; 8. Branford, 339; 9. Amity, 343. Medalist: 1. Mike Rothberg, Fairfield Prep, 72. Others

NFA 174, VALLEY REGIONAL (NO SCORE) Medalist: Max Weston, NFA, 174at Black Hall Club, Old Lyme,

## Others

lic. 45at Minnechaug GC, Glastonbury

## **BOYS TRACK & FIELD CIAC State Tournaments**

CLASS L CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN) Top 10**teams:** 1. Hillhouse, 111.50: 2.

Simsbury, 100; 3. Naugatuck, 76; 4. Bristol Central, 66; 5. Xavier, 54; 6. Conard, 34: 7. Darien, 29: 8. New Milford, 25: 9. Shelton, 23.50; T-10. Amity and Fitch,

10.94. 200: 1. Ralphael Hawkins, Hillhouse, 22.10. 400: 1. Kyle Bloomer, Darien, 49.08. 800: 1. Lucas Thompson, Simsbury, 1:57.67.

4:19.62. 3.200: 1. Michael Bohlke, Newington, 100hurdles: 1. Connor Smith, Fairfield

**NEW BRITAIN 3, WESTHILL 0 (25-22,** Sanchez, 18kills, Anthony Almeda, 16 kills. Rec.: NB—14-7; W—15-6. GLASTONBURY 3, AMITY 0 (25-13,

XAVIER 3. WETHERSFIELD 0 (25-12. **25-15, 25-19) X:** Peter O'Brien, 9kills, 9digs, 2aces,

Joseph O'Brien, 10kills, 8blocks, 4 digs, Brady Higgins, 27assists, 2aces; **W:** Andrew Knapp, 10kills, 4digs, Anduei Xhelaj, 18assists. Rec.: X-15-7; W-8-13 NEWINGTON 3, POMPERAUG 1 (22-25,

SOUTH WINDSOR 3, SIMSBURY 0 (25-11, 25-22, 25-22) SW: Aidan Iacovelli, 10kills, 4aces, 3 digs, Dylian Erwin, 11kills, 2blocks,

FARMINGTON 3, ROCKVILLE 0 (25-5, 25-10, 25-11)
WOLCOTT TECH AT NEW CANAAN,

WALLINGFORD)

GIRLS GOLF

**EAST CATHOLIC 194, SUFFIELD 238** Medalist: Kendra Obrycki, East Catho-

100meters: 1. Colin Brown, Cheshire.

1.600: 1. Michael Bohlke, Newington,

Prep. 16.00. 300**hurdles:** 1. Matthew Gibbs, Hill-house, 37.89.

4x100relay: 1. Simsbury (Zachary Tartaglia, Kyle Paterson, Timothy Watson, Noble Gongon), 42.78. 4x400: 1. Naugatuck (Daniel Anderson. Taylor Trowers, Jayshawn Lindsay, LeoAngel Lopez), 3:23.71, 4x800: 1. Simsbury (Rowan Gottshall, Kyle Jennings, Liam McGoldrick, Lucas Thompson), 8:03.07. Long jump: 1. Ese Onaknoma.

Naugatuck, 21-6.25 Triple jump: 1. Ese Onakpoma Naugatuck, 45-7. High jump: 1. Timothy Watson, Simsbury, 7-0.75. Pole vault: 1. Connor Aldrich, Sims-

bury, 11-6. Javelin: 1. Gary Moore Jr., Hillhouse, 185-9. Discus: 1. Gary Moore Jr., Hillhouse, 192-10.

Shot put: 1. Gary Moore Jr., Hillhouse.

## CLASS MM CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN), LATE

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD CIAC State Tournaments CIAC State lournaments
CLASS L CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW
BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
Top 10teams: 1. E.O. Smith, 78.50;
2. Simsbury, 70; 3. Shelton, 64; 4.
Naugatuck, 58; 5. Newtown, 57; 6.
Cheshire, 49; 7. New Canaan, 48.33; 8. Fairfield Warde, 32; 9. Bunnell, 30.33; 10. New Milford, 30.

100meters: 1. Audrey Kozak, Shelton. 200: 1. Victoria Francis, Simsbury, 25.96 400: 1. Leah Farrell, Cheshire, 58.50.

800: 1. Gabriella Hernandez, E.O. Smith, 2:16.12. 1,600: 1. Emily Mrakovcic, Wilton, 3.200: 1. Madelaine Sweeney, New

Milford, 11:11.64. 100**hurdles:** 1. Allison Murphy, Naugatuck, 15,46. 300**hurdles:** 1. Allison Murphy, Naugatuck, 44.43. 4x100**relav:** 1. Newtown (Ella Hall. Skyler Howard, Amelia Daly, Elise Barricelli), 50.65. 4x400: 1. E.O. Smith (Mary Jasmine DeVivo, Elizabeth Bigelow, Navia Casa, Gabriella Hernandez), 4:02.52. 4x800: 1. E.O. Smith (Elizabeth Bigelow. Alexis Buskey, Jayden Stygar, Gabriella Hernandez), 9:20.01.

Long jump: 1. Audrey Kozak. Shelton. Triple **jump:** 1. Anichka Malachi, New Milford, 37-3. High jump: 1. Shaelyn Murphy, Malo-Pole vault: 1. Sarah Warden, Farming-

ton, 10-0. Javelin: 1. Mackenzie Fitzsimons, Bristol Eastern, 119-6. **Discus:** 1. Gabriela DeFelice, New Canaan, 118-10. Shot put: 1. Gabriela DeFelice. New

Canaan, 36-11.

CLASS MM CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW **BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN), LATE** 

## **BOYS TENNIS CIAC State Tournaments**

Class LL—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket
STAPLES 7, FAIRFIELD PREP 0 Lower Bracket

GREENWICH 5, HALL 2 Class L-Ouarterfinals Upper Bracket New Canaan 5, Wethersfield 2 East Lyme 7, Newtown 0 Lower Bracket
HAND 7, SOUTH WINDSOR 0 **DARIEN 4. WILTON 1** 

Class M—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket
WESTON 4, NOTRE DAME-WEST BERLIN 6. WATERTOWN 1 **BARLOW 4, BROOKFIELD 3** Class S-Ouarterfinals Upper Bracket

SUFFIELD 5, NONNEWAUG 2

**SHEPAUG 4. WOODLAND 3** Lower Bracket
WESTBROOK 4, LITCHFIELD 2

## **GIRLS TENNIS**

**CIAC State Tournaments** Class LL-Ouarterfinals Upper Bracket **AMITY 6. NEW CANAAN 1** Lower Bracket
STAPLES 7, EAST HARTFORD 0 **DARIEN 4. WESTHILL 1** Class **L**—Quarterfinals Upper Bracket GUILFORD 6. BETHEL 1 Lower Bracket
NEWINGTON 4, WETHERSFIELD 3 BARLOW 7, FITCH 0

Class M—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket
STONINGTON 7, ROCKY HILL 0 WESTON 5, WATERFORD 2 Lower Bracket
HAND 7, NONNEWAUG 0

VALLEY REGIONAL 4, BRANFORD 2 Class S-Quarterfinals Unner Bracket OLD LYME 7, CROMWELL 0
LITCHFIELD 4, EAST CATHOLIC 3

## THURSDAY'S HIGH **SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

## BASEBALL CIAC State Tournaments Class L—Second Round Lower **Bracket**: No. 10Maloney (13-8) at

No. 7Wilcox Tech (16-5), 3:30p.m. Class M—Second Round Upper **Bracket:** No. 33 Weston (10-12) at No. 17Sheehan (13-8), 1p.m.

## SOFTBALL **CIAC State Tournaments**

Class **LL**—Second Round Upper **Bracket:** No. 12Cheshire (16-5) at No. 5Bristol Central (18-3), 4p.m. Class **M**—Second Round
Upper **Bracket:** No. 9Stonington (16-4) at No. 8Wolcott (16-4), 3:30p.m.

ccc: CCC Championship (Stanley GC. New Britain), 9a.m.

ECC: ECC Championship (Shennecossett GC, Groton), 12:30p.m.

## GIRLS GOLF SCC: SCC Championship (Oronoque CC,

**BOYS GOLF** 

Stratford), 8:30a.m. BOYSTRACK & FIELD

## CIAC State Tournaments Class S Championship (Willow Brook

Park, New Britain), 3p.m. GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

## **CIAC State Tournaments** Class S Championship (Willow Brook Park, New Britain), 3p.m.

**BOYS TENNIS CIAC State Tournaments** Class LL-Ouarterfinal Upper **Bracket**: No. 8Amity (14-4) at No. 1Enfield (15-1), 3p.m. Lower **Bracket**: No. 6Westhill (14-2) at

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**CIAC State Tournaments** Class **L**—Quarterfinal
Upper **Bracket:** No. 8North Haven (14-5) at No. 1Avon (14-2), 4p.m. Class **S**—Quarterfinals Lower **Bracket:** No. 7Granby (12-5) at No. 2Holy Cross (15-1), noon: No. 6 Shepaug (11-4) at No. 3Westbrook (16-2), noon

## FLAVOR Living |



A homemade raspberry jam balances the salty layers of this mellow breakfast sandwich. **ANDREW PURCELL/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS** 

**By Genevieve Ko** The New York Times

here's a thin red line weaving through the egg sandwich at All Day Baby, a restaurant in Los Angeles, and it's at least one reason crowds come for brunch. That alluring condiment? It's strawberry jam, which runs down the shiny slide of American cheese melted over scrambled eggs on a fluffy biscuit. The optional sausage patty or bacon (or both) are just that: optional. The berry-red jam is what makes the dish - and it's a sandwich you'll definitely want to cook a version of at home.

The inspiration behind the All Day Baby breakfast sandwich comes partly from chef and co-owner Jonathan Whitener's extended family in the Carolinas, but primarily from his Southern California upbringing. When he was a child, he asked for packets of strawberry jam at McDonald's when ordering an egg and sausage biscuit, and discovered how much he liked the sweetness between the salty layers. It became a teenage ritual.

When he was opening All Day Baby, Whitener, 35, returned to that fast-food hack as he chased diner nostalgia for his menu. He charged the restaurant's pastry director, Thessa Diadem, with recreating it.

She had no distinct memories of biscuits certainly not before she moved to California from the Philippines at age 13. But she knew they were the key to the towering sandwich Whitener envisioned.

The jam she created was easy and obvious. "If you think of a biscuit sandwich, it's such a savory, fatty, heavy thing, and adding a little lightness, something fruity and sweet, just balances the whole thing,"

What she needed to work on was a base that was sturdy enough to hold hefty fillings without falling apart, but one that still



Ingredients used to make biscuit breakfast sandwiches with raspberry jam.

maintained a buttery tenderness. After hundreds of test batches, Diadem landed on perfection.

"Not having a point of reference for what it should be, Thessa wasn't so attached to the tradition of making it the way it should be made," Whitener said. "That made her biscuits better." Because the biscuits are a signature menu item, Whitener and Diadem declined to share her formula.

But it wasn't meant for home kitchens anyway. Diadem noted that her recipe was created for the restaurant and evolved with demand – from two-dozen biscuits at the start to hundreds now on any given weekend — and that the ideal biscuit depends on the circumstances.

For the home cook who needs to bake only a few, drop biscuits are the way to go. They don't require cutting dough (or cleaning the counter afterward), but they do develop crackly shells and tender centers similar to Diadem's rolled rounds. I use milk instead of buttermilk in mine for a

sweeter biscuit. Then, once they're baked, I introduce a little tartness by slathering them with raspberry jam. Store-bought works just fine, but my fresh version comes together in a skillet in under 10 minutes and tastes especially good when cured pork is slipped into the sandwich. Strawberry jam delivers a more straightforward sweetness that's always welcome.

Whichever spread you choose, you'll want to use American cheese, as Diadem does. It melts in the soft-stretch way that only a processed cheese product can and complements the sandwich's sweet elements with its creamy saltiness. Whether or not you have any nostalgia for a biscuit breakfast sandwich, you'll feel some connection to this playful, comfort-

"I grew up eating Kraft singles. They have that nostalgia effect," Diadem said. "I'm taking a lot of things that remind you of something and then turning them into their own thing. I love the fun of it."

## **BISCUIT BREAKFAST SANDWICH**

Makes: 4 sandwiches Total time: 45 minutes

For the drop biscuits:

6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes, plus more for greasing the pan

1½ cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon fine salt

<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup cold whole milk

For the fillings:

6 large eggs

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter 4 slices American cheese

Quick Raspberry Jam (see recipe below) or store-bought raspberry or strawberry jam, for spreading

Cooked bacon, breakfast sausage patties or ham (optional)

1. Make the biscuits: Position a rack in the center of the oven and heat the oven to 425 degrees. Butter a small baking sheet. (Keep the cubed butter cold.)

2. Whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Add the cold butter and toss to coat, then cut the butter into the flour using a pastry cutter or rub and pinch it in with your fingers until the mixture resembles coarse sand with no bits larger than the size of gravel.

3. Add the milk all at once and quickly stir with a fork until the dough comes together in a shaggy mass. Use the fork to scoop and drop 4 even mounds of dough onto the prepared sheet, spacing apart. Gently pat the tops and sides to form round pucks; it's OK if the tops are a little craggy.

4. Bake until golden brown, 20 to 23 minutes. Let cool on the pan on a rack while preparing

5. Make the fillings: Beat the eggs in a medium bowl until well mixed but not frothy. Season very generously with salt and pepper and beat again. Heat a medium nonstick or well-seasoned cast-iron skillet over medium until hot, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the butter, turn the heat to low and swirl the butter to evenly coat the bottom of the pan. When the butter has melted about halfway, add the eggs all at once. Cook, stirring gently, until mostly set but still a little wet, 1 to 2 minutes, then spread in an even laver.

6. Once the bottom and edges are fully set, turn off the heat and cut the egg pancake in quarters using the spatula. Set a slice of cheese over each quarter. Slice each of the biscuits in half and spread jam on both halves. If you want bacon, sausage or ham. place them over the bottom halves. Slide the cheesy egg quarters over the bottom halves (or meat) and fold over any corners that stick out. Sandwich with the top halves and serve warm.

## **QUICK RASPBERRY JAM**

Makes: About 2/3 cup

Total time: 10 minutes 1 (6-ounce) container of raspberries

(1½ cups) ⅓ cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

1. Combine the raspberries, sugar and lemon juice in a large skillet. Set over medium heat and stir until the sugar dissolves and starts to boil, 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, stirring often and gently smashing the berries, until the liquid thickens to the consistency of syrup, 4 to 5 minutes, Skim off and discard any pale pink foam on the surface. Remove from the heat.

3. Cool until warm or room temperature to use immediately or transfer to a jar and refrigerate until ready to use. The jam can be refrigerated for up to 1 week.

## Stuck on what to cook for dinner? Give roast salmon with bok choy a go

By JeanMarie Brownson Tribune Content Agency

Salmon saves dinner. Seriously. This delicious fish cooks in no time and always feels like a treat. Salmon welcomes a world of flavors, such as soy and lemongrass, tomato basil

sauce and spicy salsa. The meaty, rich fish is perfect for the grill, oven or microwave.

I've enjoyed my subscription to Alaskan salmon shipped frozen directly to my home. Other options include the deep-red wildcaught salmon sold fresh or frozen at reputable fish

markets. If farmed salmon is an option, check the label to be sure the fish has been farmed responsibly. When purchasing frozen salmon, be sure to thaw it slowly in the refrigerator to maintain the moistest flesh when cooked.

For a fast dinner for

one, microwave a 6- to 8-ounce portion of salmon as follows: Put the salmon fillet in a baking dish and drizzle with teriyaki sauce and a few drops of dark sesame oil. Cover with a lid or plastic wrap and microwave on high (100% power) until the flesh is opaque and

starting to flake when tested with a fork, 2 to 3 minutes. Let stand covered for a minute or two to finish the cooking. Sprinkle generously with thinly sliced green onion.

Company for dinner? Oven-roasted salmon leaves the cook plenty of time to

enjoy guests. Marinate the salmon in fresh citrus juices in advance, then roast the rich fish with small heads of bok choy for a sheet pan dinner sure to impress. Serve the salmon with cooked brown rice.

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## Meet your new favorite weeknight pasta

**By Amelia Rampe** TheKitchn.com

Sugo all'Amatriciana (sauce Amatriciana) is a classic Roman tomato-based sauce that includes guanciale (cured pork jowl) and Pecorino Romano cheese.

The guanciale is cooked until crisp, and the rendered fat helps create the delicious porky flavor base of the sauce. The salty Pecorino Romano cheese adds flavor and creaminess.

What sets this sauce apart from some other traditional red sauces is that the tomatoes are very lightly cooked, which makes the tomato flavor lighter and fresher than a long-stewed tomato sauce.

In this recipe, I stay (mostly) true to the original by keeping both ingredients and cook time minimal.

I also reached out to senior contributing food editor Sheela Prakash, our resident Mediterranean expert, for advice. She told me that she had a "killer Amatriciana" at Evan Funke's Felix Trattoria in Los Angeles.

She said his version was very pork-forward and served with rigatoni. I kept that in mind when developing this recipe.

I made the recipe a few times, each time with varying amounts of guanciale. For my taste buds, the version that reigned supreme was the one with the most guanciale. Not only was the sauce delicious, but it also had the exact right amount of guanciale pieces to chew on.

The best part about this sauce — besides the way it tastes — is how quickly the whole meal comes together. Big flavor in under 30 minutes? Count

Amatriciana gets its name from Amatrice, the town about a two-hour drive east of Rome where this sauce originated. Original iterations of the sauce, known as pasta alla gricia, didn't include tomato.

This "white" version of Amatriciana is said to get its name from the Italian word gricio, an early Roman word for bread-makers and sellers of other basic food staples. Pasta alla gricia is also considered to be the predecessor to what we know today as carbonara.

The Amatrice version of Amatriciana is served with spaghetti. When the sauce made its way to Roma, bucatini was swapped in.

## **Amatriciana** essentials

The guanciale: You can't have Amatriciana without guanciale. The fat of the guanciale is the base of the sauce. Guanicale is cured with salt and spices, and some have more spices rubbed on the exterior than

If possible, choose a guanciale that has a lesser amount of spices. Any guanciale will do – just know that if you have a guanciale with more spices on the exterior, those spices will season the sauce.

If you can't find guanciale, some recipes recommend swapping in pancetta. The dish will still be delicious, but know you won't be making true Amatriciana.

Trim the guanciale into lardons, and cook until the meat is crisp and the fat has rendered. The fat is whisked into the tomato sauce, which gives the sauce its signature porky flavor.

**The tomatoes:** I call for crushed or diced canned tomatoes in this recipe, but you can also use passata. Barely cook the sauce to keep the flavors fresh and

The pasta: Original iterations of the sauce used spaghetti. Bucatini came on to the scene after the sauce



Crisp guanciale and just-cooked tomato sauce star in this classic Roman dish. AMELIA RAMPE/THEKITCHN.COM

made its way to Rome. If you travel to Rome today, you'll likely find it served with bucatini. Nowadays. rigatoni is also frequently

The cheese: Pecorino Romano is a salty dry cheese used in this sauce. If you can't find it, you can substitute for Parmesan but, again, it won't be true Amatriciana.

A little something extra: True Amatriciana doesn't include garlic or oregano, but in this recipe, I add a couple cloves of crushed garlic and a large sprig of marjoram to add another layer of gentle flavor to the sauce. I crush, gently simmer and then remove the aromatics so they don't overpower the sauce. You can sub the marjoram with oregano or you can omit the garlic and marjoram all together.

## **BUCATINI ALL'AMATRICIANA**

Makes: 4 to 6 servings Kosher salt

1 pound dried bucatini or rigatoni pasta 2 cloves garlic (optional)

3 ounces Pecorino Romano cheese 8 ounces unsliced guanciale, preferably unseasoned 1 tablespoon olive oil

1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes, tomato puree or passata (about 3 cups) 1 (about 4-inch) sprig fresh marjoram or

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes, plus more for serving

1. Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a boil over medium-high heat. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce.

2. Crush 2 garlic cloves if using and discard the peels. Finely grate 3 ounces Pecorino Romano cheese on the smallest holes of the box grater (about 1 1/4 cups). Using a sharp knife, cut 8 ounces of guanciale into 1/4-inchthick matchsticks that are about 1 inch long. Line a plate with paper towels.

3. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large 12-inch high-sided skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add the guanciale and cook, stirring often, until golden brown and crisp all over, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer

the guanciale to the prepared plate with a slotted spoon.

4. Add 1 pound dried bucatini or rigatoni to the boiling water and cook according to the package until al dente, 8 to 12 minutes. 5. Return the skillet with the guanciale fat to low heat. Slowly add 1 (28-ounce) can crushed or pureed tomatoes or passata (about 3 cups). Be careful; it may bubble and sputter. Add the garlic cloves, 1 (4-inch) fresh marjoram or oregano sprig, and ½

teaspoon red pepper flakes. **6. Increase** heat to medium and bring to a bare simmer, stirring vigorously to combine. Simmer until flavors meld but the tomatoes do not reduce much, 8 to 10 minutes. If the pasta is not ready, turn off the heat.

7. Remove and discard the garlic cloves and herb sprig. Reserve ¼ cup of the cooked guanciale and ¼ cup of the cheese for garnish. Add the remaining guanciale and cheese to the sauce, and stir to combine. 8. When the pasta is ready, use tongs to transfer the pasta into the skillet reserving some of the pasta water. Toss, over low heat, until the pasta is well coated with sauce, adding the pasta water 1 tablespoon at a time as needed to make it saucy (2 to 4 tablespoons). Serve topped with the reserved guanciale, cheese and more red

pepper flakes, if desired.



Salmon cooks in no time. JEANMARIE BROWNSON/TNS

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## **ROAST SALMON WITH CITRUS AND BOK CHOY**

Makes: 4 servings 2 pieces skin-on, center-cut salmon fillet, 12 to 14 ounces each Grated rind of ½ orange and 1 small lemon

2 tablespoons each, fresh orange juice, lemon juice 2 tablespoons tamari or low-sodium soy sauce 1 tablespoon refrigerated lemongrass puree or lime iuice

2 cloves garlic, crushed 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, optional 2 1/2 tablespoons expellerpressed canola oil, safflower

oil or sunflower oil, divided Salt, freshly ground black pepper

3 heads baby bok choy, about 10 ounces total 3 green onions, thinly sliced Chopped fresh cilantro 1 lime, cut into wedges, for serving

Cooked brown or white rice, for serving 1. Pat fish dry. Mix orange

and lemon rind, juices, tamari, lemongrass puree, garlic, crushed red pepper and 1 tablespoon of oil in baking dish. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add fish and turn to coat all sides with mixture. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes, or refrigerate covered up to 4

2. Heat oven to 400 degrees on convection or 425 degrees with conventional setting.

**3. Cut** bok choy lengthwise in half. Place in a single layer on an oiled, rimmed large baking sheet and drizzle with remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast 8 minutes. Flip over and move bok choy to edges of pan so there's room for salmon.

4. Place fish in center of roasting pan. Drizzle marinade over everything. Return to oven and roast until bok choy is fork-tender and fish is opaque and nearly flakes, about 10 minutes. Transfer bok choy to a serving platter. Turn on the broiler in the same oven and broil fish until golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Add to platter. **5. Garnish** with green onions and cilantro. Pass lime wedges to squeeze over all.

Serve with rice.

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## Pairing food, wine is an adventure, not a chore

**By Eric Asimov** The New York Times

Pairing food and wine is one of the great culinary pleasures, whether you are opening a bottle for a romantic dinner by candlelight or having a glass with a bag of potato chips. But it can also be one of the most mystifying and intimidating elements of planning a

What ought to be a joy often produces a feeling of dread and the fear of making mistakes. That anxiety can set in for both occasional wine drinkers and regular consumers.

To allay the fears of an embarrassing failure, many people will look for recommendations or turn to books about the art of pairing food and wine.

It makes sense to seek advice from more experienced people, except that advice is often uncomfortably specific, implying that only one bottle can do the trick, or mind-bogglingly complicated. It can be wrapped in a formulaic approach directed at foodand-wine professionals that promises success but requires more knowledge about the chemistry of food and wine than most people possess.

Over many years of recommending wines with recipes and opening bottles with meals, my primary mode of consuming wine, I have come to believe several essential truths about pairing wine and food. These truths may not promise success, but I hope they help to ease the fears of selecting wines.

Give yourself a break: The first step, especially if you are relatively new to wine, is to get some welcome help. How? Buy your wine at a good wine shop rather than a supermarket or big box store. Not only will this step improve the general quality of the wine you drink, it will make available



**ELLICE WEAVER/THE NEW YORK TIMES** 

to you some good sources of advice.

Dedicated merchants know a lot about wine and are almost always eager to help. Tell them what you are planning to eat and ask for recommendations.

That's an easy way to begin, and will lead to some good pairings. It's an insurance policy when you really need help, and it will give you a set of ideas to work with in the future. But to develop your own instincts, you'll need to start making decisions yourself, owning the triumphs, risking setbacks and building a well of experience.

Perfection is not the goal:

Wine and food go together like two beautiful harmonizing voices, creating a blend that outshines either of the individual deliveries. This is the ideal, at least. It rarely works out that way.

Most food and wine pairings are not perfect. But even if a bottle and a dish do not meld synergistically, they can still enhance one

The simpler the recipe, that is, the fewer the ingredients, the easier it is to find that harmony. Even so, pairings are subjective and often depend on individual psychology rather than chemistry between a food and beverage.

For example, I do not like to drink Champagne with oysters. I find the combination creates a metallic taste and prefer Chablis or Muscadet. But try telling that to the many people who love the two together, or to the scientists who say they have demonstrated why the pairing works so

Many people assume every dish has its perfect match, the one wine that, with a particular recipe, will make magic. The simpler the dish, the greater the range of possi-bilities. Sure, you can enjoy a Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon with a steak. You could also enjoy a

Bordeaux, a Burgundy, a Chianti Classico, a zinfandel or a Rioja Reserva, just to name a few options.

Let experience be your guide: The basic premise behind my column is that the more bottles you try of more different sorts of wine, the better you will understand your own taste. And the better you know your preferences, the easier it becomes to make your own choices rather than rely on help from experts.

This is doubly true of pairing wine and food. Those sommeliers recommending the best bottle with the chef's rendition of halibut with ginger and caramelized fennel? They weren't born with that knowledge. It came through years of trial and error.

For example, a colleague asked me what white wines I would choose with dishes that we ordinarily serve with red wines, like pizza, pasta with cooked tomato

sauce or steak. My answer: I'm not sure. Try a white wine you like and see what you think.

Years ago in Germany, a winemaker demonstrated what he considered a wonderful pairing: a 20-year-old riesling auslese with a steak. It was a delicious combination. The richness of the wine's texture was intact after 20 years, though most of the sweetness had faded into an umami quality that went unexpectedly well with the beef.

With wine and food, rules are made to be broken.

It's hard to go wrong: This is critical to understand. If you've chosen a wine that you like with a dish you enjoy but they do not harmonize beautifully, how bad is that, really? You are left with good food and good wine, and you can savor both individually.

Even more important. it's an opportunity to learn

and to build on what you know. You will have had an experience that you will retain far longer than some advice you might have read.

So-called mistakes are beneficial and integral to gaining experience and learning. They are to be embraced rather than feared. Another colleague asked me, what type of wine would go with an acidic dish like panzanella, a Tuscan salad made with stale bread and fresh toma-

I know from experience that fresh tomatoes tend to go best with crisp white wines. Many Italian whites would be terrific, though the wines in this case don't have to be Italian. Aligoté from Burgundy and Sancerre would be delicious. But could you drink a red with this? Sure.

Almost never is one wine the correct and only choice. You do not have to worry about choosing the perfect bottle because many bottles are the right choice and very few are wrong.

## Maintain standards, but temper expectations:

The pursuit of the perfect should never be the enemy of the good. We all love and remember peak experiences, but not every pairing is memorable, though it may have been good enough.

By good enough, I mean the wine and food didn't step on one another. It's rare that food and wine will actually clash, but it does happen. If something off-key occurs, so long as you haven't spent a fortune on the wine or opened a fragile bottle, chalk it up to experience and open a different bottle.

Nobody wants to feel that they have wasted money. But experience does not come free. You have gained perspective at the cost of a bottle, which you can put in the fridge and drink the next night in a more appropriate context.

## **SERIOUSLY SIMPLE**

## Celebrate Dad with flavorful lamb brochettes

**By Diane Rossen** Worthington

Tribune Content Agency

Sometimes it's hard to come up with a novel dish to celebrate Dad on his day. My dad loved lamb, and this recipe was always a standout for him and our family. Cooling minted yogurt sauce, an Indian staple condiment, functions as both a marinade that tenderizes the meat and a crunchy, refreshing

**LAMB BROCHETTES** 

Makes: 4 to 6 servings

For the sauce and

2 tablespoons finely

1 garlic clove, minced

¼ cup fresh orange juice

Pinch of white pepper to

2 pounds lamb loin, cut into

cucumber, finely chopped

1. Prepare the sauce and

For the brochettes:

1/2 medium European

chopped fresh mint

8 red or yellow cherry

¼ teaspoon ground cumin

marinade:

2 cups yogurt

chopped mint

½ teaspoon salt

taste

2-inches

WITH YOGURT SAUCE

Something wonderful happens to the meat as it grills on an outdoor fire: The orange, cumin and yogurt come together to lightly caramelize the meat. Metal skewers are preferred here, because the meat needs a sturdy skewer to keep it from slipping. Lamb, particularly American Lamb, has become very expensive. While American is my choice for its refined flavor, New Zealand lamb

sauce to serve on the side.

the ingredients. Taste for

medium non-aluminum bowl and pour over 34 cup of marinade, mixing well so that all the pieces of meat are well coated. Reserve the remaining sauce. Marinate 1/2-4 hours in the

skewers. Preheat the broiler or prepare the barbecue for medium-heat grilling. Cook the brochettes, turning them a few times and basting with the marinade until the meat is browned and cooked as desired.

**TOMATO-MINT BULGUR** Makes: 6 servings 2 tablespoons olive oil 1 medium onion, finely

chopped 1 1/2 cups coarsely ground the heat, cover, and cook over low heat for 12 to 15 bulgur 3 cups chicken stock 2 tablespoons finely

tomatoes or a combination, quartered ½ teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon black pepper Fresh mint sprigs, to garnish 1. **Heat** oil in a deep large skillet over medium heat.

marinade by combining all seasoning.

2. Place the meat in a refrigerator.

3. Place the lamb on metal

Add the onion, and saute for 5 minutes or until it has softened. Add the bulgur to the skillet and toast it for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently. 2. Add the stock and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce minutes or until all liquid is absorbed.

3. Remove the bulgur from heat and add the mint and tomatoes, blending carefully so that the tomato pieces stay whole. Add the salt and pepper and taste for seasoning. Garnish with mint sprigs and serve immediately.



The orange, cumin and yogurt come together on the grill to lightly caramelize the meat. DREAMSTIME

will work nicely here. The complemen-

tary tomato-mint bulgur suggested here is lovely as a bed for the lamb. Bulgur is wheat that has been steamed and then dried before being ground or

about 15 to 20 minutes. 4. Add the chopped cucumber to the remaining crushed, which is why it cooks so quickly. Don't mistake bulgur for cracked wheat, which has an entirely different texture. This grain dish gives

the heavy-textured bulgur grain a fresh, light style.

5. Place the brochettes on serving plates and pass the remaining minted yogurt



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## Grilled to perfection

Reverse-searing method rewards you with a juicy steak always cooked to an even doneness, complete with a charred crust

By Steven Raichlen The New York Times

The quest to cook the perfect steak has been a challenge since slabs of meat were roasted over fire. But what constitutes a great steak?

It should take you through a complex strata of textures and flavors: dark crust, rosy meat, tenderness balanced by chew. You want a steak you can sink your teeth into. There should be a perfect ratio of meat to fat — and there should be blood. Without those luscious steak juices, a steak would be merely delicatessen roast beef.

Tri-tip delivers all of that. A cut popularized in Santa Maria, California, and the surrounding area, this crescent-shaped steak from the bottom of the sirloin slices like brisket and eats like steak, with a rich, beefy flavor. But like all thick cuts, it poses a challenge: Grill it directly over high heat as you would a strip or skirt steak and you risk burning the exterior while leaving the center undercooked. Cook it low and slow, as you

would brisket, and you lose the caramelized crust.

Enter reverse-searing, an ingenious grilling method that combines the low and slow smoking of traditional barbecue with the high heat charring practiced at steakhouses. It takes the guesswork out of grilling steak, rewarding you with a juicy, perfectly cooked slab of beef every time.

With this simple two-step process, you first cook the steak slowly for 30 minutes or so — at 250 degrees, the temperature used by pitmasters to barbecue brisket. Once you've warmed the center of the meat to 110 degrees, you rest the steak on a platter and raise the grill's heat to a searing temperature of 600 degrees. You then char the exterior of the steak directly over the fire until sizzling, crusty and dark brown, bringing the meat's internal temperature to 125 degrees (for rare) or 135 degrees (for medium-rare).

Reverse-searing offers several advantages over traditional direct grilling over high heat, in which steak goes from undercooked to overcooked in a minute or two, requiring precise timing that inexperienced grillers may find daunting. During the initial stage of reverse-searing, the internal temperature of the meat rises gradually, so it's easier to monitor and achieve the doneness you desire. Also, the meat cooks more evenly this way, ending up with uniform color and doneness from top to bottom, not a graybrown ring of meat just beneath the crust and a reddish-blue bull's-eye in the center.

Because the meat rests between the two stages, which allows it to relax and become juicier, the steak can be served hot off the grill right after its final sear. That means no more lukewarm steak and not having to keep hungry people waiting. Perhaps the biggest advantage to reverse-searing is the ability to smoke the steak by adding hardwood chunks or chips to your low fire. That step infuses thick cuts with the haunting flavor of barbecue and adds a spectacular dimension of flavor.

## **HOW TO SET UP YOUR GRILL** FOR REVERSE-SEARING

Reverse-searing can be done on a charcoal or gas grill, but it's easier to smoke with charcoal. The method requires little more in the way of special equipment than a grill with a lid and an accurate meat thermometer.

Ideally, you'll use a wired remote thermometer, like ThermoWorks Smoke X2 or ChefsTemp Quad XPro, or a wireless meat probe, such as the ones made by Meater or Maverick. You can also use an instant-read meat thermometer, but you'll need to open the grill several times to get a reading, which can cause the internal temperature of the grill to drop.

To give the meat a smoky flavor, you'll need hardwood chunks or chips. Oak, hickory or mesquite go great with beef. If using chips, cover them with water and soak for 30 minutes, which slows their combustion when heated. Drain the chips well before adding them to the fire. There is no need to soak wood chunks.

When reverse-searing, you start with your grill set up for indirect grilling — that is, with the heat source away from where the food will cook.

On a charcoal grill, rake hot coals into two mounds on opposite sides of the grill and leave the center empty for the meat. On a two-burner gas grill, light one side and cook the steak away from the heat on the other side. On larger gas grills, light the outside or front and rear burners, keeping the center free for the steak.

After indirect grilling, and just before serving, set up your grill for cooking directly over high heat. On a charcoal grill, rake the coals into a mound in the center of the grill, adding fresh coals as needed. Let the new coals burn until glowing red. On a gas grill, simply set the burners on high.

## **REVERSE-SEARED STEAK**

Makes: 4 servings **Total time:** 45 to 55 minutes, plus lighting the 1 large or 2 small wood chunks (such as oak, hickory

or mesquite) or 1 1/2 cups wood chips Canola oil, for greasing the grill grate

1 tri-tip steak (about 2 to 2 1/4 pounds; see note) Coarse kosher or sea salt Freshly ground black pepper Granulated onion or garlic (or both)

1. If using wood chips, soak in water for 30 minutes. Set up your grill for indirect grilling and heat to 250 degrees. Clean and oil the grill grate.

2. Remove the tri-tip from the refrigerator. Generously season it with salt, pepper and granulated onion or garlic (or both) on all sides. **3. Place** the tri-tip, fat-side up, on the grill grate away from the heat. Insert a remote thermometer probe, if using, deep into the center of the meat. If you soaked wood chips, drain them, If using a charcoal grill, add the wood chunk(s) or chips to the coals. If using a gas grill, place the wood chunks under the grate over one of the burners, or place the chips in your grill's smoker box. Close the lid. Indirect grill the tri-tip to obtain an internal temperature of 110 degrees, which will take 30 minutes or so. Transfer the tri-tip to a platter and let it rest for at least 10 minutes, or as long as 1 hour.

4. Just before serving, heat your grill to high. On a charcoal grill, rake the coals into a mound in the center of the grill, adding fresh coals as needed. Let the new coals burn until glowing red. On a gas grill, simply set the burners on high. **5. Return** the tri-tip to the

grate directly over the heat, fat-side up, and reinsert the thermometer probe, if using. Direct grill until the top and bottom are sizzling, crusty and dark, and the internal temperature is 125 degrees for rare or 135 degrees for medium-rare, 3 to 6 minutes per side, turning with tongs. **6. Transfer** the tri-tip to a cutting board and thinly slice across the grain. (You do not need to rest the meat a second time.) Take time to notice the even color and doneness of the meat and to appreciate the intoxicating aroma of the wood smoke. Serve at once, while the steak is still hot.

Note: Tri-tip, the triangular or boomerang-shaped steak cut from the tip of the sirloin, is also sold as Newport, Santa Maria, triangle and bottom sirloin tip. This technique also works with any thick steak, such as top round, sirloin or picanha or three-fingerthick porterhouses and tomahawks.

## Strawberry season means it's time for a fresh salad

**By Gretchen Mckay** Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

One of the first true delights to turn up at farmers markets this time of year are local strawberries. Boy, they're terrific out of hand — just try getting a quart container of them home without snacking on a handful — but they also can add a sweet, juicy touch to any number of desserts and appetizers, such as salsa and crostini.

Full of good-for-you antioxidants, the bright-red berry works a particular magic in a salad, especially when paired with another favorite spring market find: spinach.

To turn this easy spring recipe from a side into a more hearty main, I threw sliced fried chicken into the mix, along with crumbles of gorgonzola, a mild blue cheese. Grilled or roasted chicken - shredded or diced — would be a fine substitute if you're cutting back on fried foods.

I like the tangy contrast of blue cheese against the strawberries, but if you're not a fan, substitute feta or goat cheese or even brie or fresh mozzarella. Same with the nuts: I used

## STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

Makes: 4 servings

For the salad:

1/2 small red onion, very thinly sliced into half moons 4 cups baby spinach or spinach-arugula mix 1 quart local strawberries, hulled and quartered ¼ cup crumbled gorgonzola

34 cup toasted pecans, walnuts or honey-roasted almonds 2 cooked chicken breasts, sliced thin on the diagonal

For the dressing: ¼ cup white wine vinegar

1 tablespoon honey 1 small shallot, thinly sliced

11/2 tablespoons poppy seeds ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/4 cup olive oil

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 1. Place sliced red onion in a small bowl and cover with cold

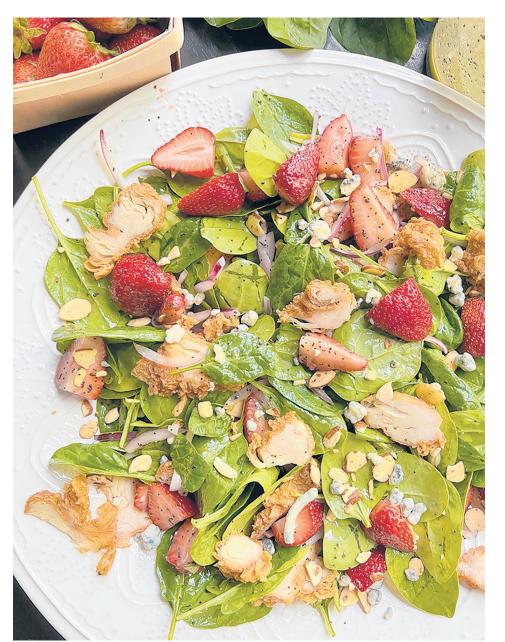
2. Prepare dressing: Place vinegar, honey, shallot, poppy seeds, mustard and olive oil in a mason jar. Screw on lid and shake vigorously to combine ingredients. Season to taste with salt and pepper, and put aside while you put together salad. 3. In a large salad bowl, place the greens along with a pinch of salt, and toss with your fingers to combine. Add the quartered strawberries. Drain onions and then place into the bowl. Add crumbled cheese and chicken, and then drizzle with about ½ of the salad dressing (or more, depending on how well-dressed you like your salads).

4. Toss the salad, making sure all of the greens are nicely coated with dressing. Garnish with nuts and serve. **5. Serve** with extra dressing on the side.

pre-packaged honeyroasted sliced almonds (available in the produce aisle), but you may prefer toasted or caramelized

pecans or walnuts. and a crisp, chilled bottle

Serve with crusty bread of sauvignon blanc for a simple supper.



Fresh strawberries add a sweet touch to this easy spring salad with fried chicken. GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE





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